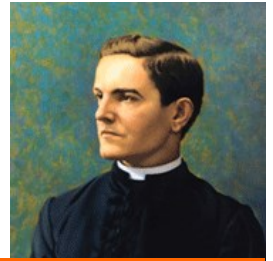




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Mission Statement

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 MESSAGE—JANUARY 2018

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

JANUARY 2018

MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

As I struggled to arrange words for this month's edition of Knightline I kept visioning the link and connection of the love we have that flows in all that we are and do. Especially during this season that love is expressed in the joy of the birth of Christ as a small human baby; the traditions of celebrating family and the hope we have in the resolutions we make to be better men, better husbands and better fathers.

Try as I might, the words kept escaping me. I kept coming back to the letter written by Holly Butcher the young Australian who passed away this past week. While I might have used different words and been more blunt about our faith and spirituality, Holly's words clearly describe the messages of our mortality and to some extent, talk about the need to work on our "mental, emotional and spiritual happiness" as well as our physical well-being. The true meaning of Christmas they shared this year. She opens the letter saying that she didn't fear death; and she signs her letter "Till we meet again". In between she touches on sharing time with loved ones and rues not being able to have babies/family of her own; don't sweat the small stuff; and dedicate your life to building hope by "give, give, give." Do good deeds for humanity.

The full copy of Holly's letter is attached

As I said, I might have used different words and been more blunt about my faith in Jesus Christ, but her words really hit home and gave an emotional testimonial for living life to the fullest – from a dying 27 year old. Who said that our youth of today don't get it? I think she got it and shared it. She wanted her family to post the letter on Facebook, which they did. It's gone viral. In just 2 days it's been read and shared/liked/tagged by millions.

In short – life is short and we waste it if we don't dedicate ourselves to our calling – to be the best person God intended us to be and be missionary disciples. There is work to be done in the name of Christ. We owe it to ourselves and everyone to do our part and inviting/encouraging others to join with us becoming better men, better husbands, better fathers in building a better world.

2017 was a great year. We have, and we continue to make a difference. 2018 promises to be an even better year – sharing love, joy and hope!!!

Your faithful servant in Christ



Vivat Jesus
Brian Schatz
State Deputy
Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus



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Holly Butcher is an Australian women who died Thursday January 5, 2018 following a battle with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare form of cancer that affects mostly young people. She was 27 years old. Prior to her death, she wrote an open letter which she asked her family to post on Facebook following her death. The following is that letter.

A bit of life advice from Hol:

It's a strange thing to realise and accept your mortality at 26 years young. It's just one of those things you ignore. The days tick by and you just expect they will keep on coming; Until the unexpected happens. I always imagined myself growing old, wrinkled and grey- most likely caused by the beautiful family (lots of kiddies) I planned on building with the love of my life. I want that so bad it hurts.

That's the thing about life; It is fragile, precious and unpredictable and each day is a gift, not a given right.

I'm 27 now. I don't want to go. I love my life. I am happy. I owe that to my loved ones. But the control is out of my hands.

I haven't started this 'note before I die' so that death is feared - I like the fact that we are mostly ignorant to it's inevitability. Except when I want to talk about it and it is treated like a 'taboo' topic that will never happen to any of us. That's been a bit tough. I just want people to stop worrying so much about the small, meaningless stresses in life and try to remember that we all have the same fate after it all so do what you can to make your time feel worthy and great, minus the bullshit.

I have dropped lots of my thoughts below as I have had a lot of time to ponder life these last few months. Of course it's the middle of the night when these random things pop in my head most!

Those times you are whinging about ridiculous things (something I have noticed so much these past few months), just think about someone who is really facing a problem. Be grateful for your minor issue and get over it. It's okay to acknowledge that something is annoying but try not to carry on about it and negatively effect other people's days.

Once you do that, get out there and take a freaking big breath of that fresh Aussie air deep in your lungs, look at how blue the sky is and how green the trees are; It is so beautiful. Think how lucky you are to be able to do just that - breathe.

You might have got caught in bad traffic today, or had a bad sleep because your beautiful babies kept you awake, or your hairdresser cut your hair too short. Your new fake nails might have got a chip, your boobs are too small, or you have cellulite on your arse and your belly is wobbling.

Let all that shit go. I swear you will not be thinking of those things when it is your turn to go. It is all SO insignificant when you look at life as a whole. I'm watching my body waste away right before my eyes with nothing I can do about it and all I wish for now is that I could have just one more Birthday or Christmas with my family, or just one more day with my partner and dog. Just one more.

I hear people complaining about how terrible work is or about how hard it is to exercise - Be grateful you are physically able to. Work and exercise may seem like such trivial things ... until your body doesn't allow you to do either of them.

I tried to live a healthy life, in fact, that was probably my major passion. Appreciate your good health and functioning body- even if it isn't your ideal size. Look after it and embrace how amazing it is. Move it and nourish it with fresh food. Don't obsess over it.

Remember there are more aspects to good health than the physical body. Work just as hard on finding your mental, emotional and spiritual happiness too. That way you might realise just how insignificant and unimportant having this stupidly portrayed perfect social media body really is. While on this topic, delete any account that pops up on your news feeds that gives you any sense of feeling shit about yourself. Friend or not. Be ruthless for your own well-being.

Be grateful for each day you don't have pain and even the days where you are unwell with man flu, a sore back or a sprained ankle, accept it is shit but be thankful it isn't life threatening and will go away.

Whinge less, people! And help each other more.

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Give, give, give. It is true that you gain more happiness doing things for others than doing them for yourself. I wish I did this more. Since I have been sick, I have met the most incredibly giving and kind people and been the receiver of the most thoughtful and loving words and support from my family, friends and strangers; More than I could I ever give in return. I will never forget this and will be forever grateful to all of these people.

It is a weird thing having money to spend at the end. When you're dying. It's not a time you go out and buy material things that you usually would, like a new dress. It makes you think how silly it is that we think it is worth spending so much money on new clothes and 'things' in our lives.

Buy your friend something kind instead of another dress, beauty product or jewellery for that next wedding. 1. No-one cares if you wear the same thing twice 2. It feels good. Take them out for a meal, or better yet, cook them a meal. Shout their coffee. Give/ buy them a plant, a massage or a candle and tell them you love them when you give it to them.

Value other people's time. Don't keep them waiting because you are shit at being on time. Get ready earlier if you are one of those people and appreciate that your friends want to share their time with you, not sit by themselves, waiting on a mate. You will gain respect too! Amen sister.

This year, our family agreed to do no presents and despite the tree looking rather sad and empty (I nearly cracked Christmas Eve!), it was so nice because people didn't have the pressure of shopping and the effort went into writing a nice card for each other. Plus imagine my family trying to buy me a present knowing they would probably end up with it themselves. Strange! It might seem lame but those cards mean more to me than any impulse purchase could. Mind you, it was also easier to do in our house because we had no little kiddies there. Anyway, moral of the story- presents are not needed for a meaningful Christmas. Moving on.

Use your money on experiences. Or at least don't miss out on experiences because you spent all your money on material shit.

Put in the effort to do that day trip to the beach you keep putting off. Dip your feet in the water and dig your toes in the sand. Wet your face with salt water.

Get amongst nature.

Try just enjoying and being in moments rather than capturing them through the screen of your phone. Life isn't meant to be lived through a screen nor is it about getting the perfect photo. Enjoy the bloody moment, people! Stop trying to capture it for everyone else.

Random rhetorical question. Are those several hours you spend doing your hair and make up each day or to go out for one night really worth it? I've never understood this about females.

Get up early sometimes and listen to the birds while you watch the beautiful colours the sun makes as it rises.

Listen to music. Really listen. Music is therapy. Old is best.

Cuddle your dog. Far out, I will miss that.

Talk to your friends. Put down your phone. Are they doing okay?

Travel if it's your desire, don't if it's not.

Work to live, don't live to work.

Seriously, do what makes your heart feel happy.

Eat the cake. Zero guilt.

Say no to things you really don't want to do.

Don't feel pressured to do what other people might think is a fulfilling life. You might want a mediocre life and that is so okay.

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Tell your loved ones you love them every time you get the chance and love them with everything you have.

Also, remember if something is making you miserable, you do have the power to change it - in work or love or whatever it may be. Have the guts to change. You don't know how much time you've got on this earth so don't waste it being miserable. I know that is said all the time but it couldn't be more true.

Anyway, that's just this one young gals life advice. Take it or leave it, I don't mind!


Oh and one last thing, if you can, do a good deed for humanity (and myself) and start regularly donating blood. It will make you feel good with the added bonus of saving lives. I feel like it is something that is so overlooked considering every donation can save 3 lives! That is a massive impact each person can have and the process really is so simple.

Blood donation (more bags than I could keep up with counting) helped keep me alive for an extra year - a year I will be forever grateful that I got to spend it here on Earth with my family, friends and dog. A year I had some of the greatest times of my life.

'Til we meet again.

Hol

Xoxo

*A snowflake is
winter's butterfly* 



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Dear Brother Knights,

January 2018 Reflection

Convinced of God's Love and Power - The Family as Domestic Church and as Missionary Disciples

“ Keep up with the Jones’! ”

We have all heard this phrase or even thought of how to do this. As much of a temptation as it might privately be, we still have to ask ourselves “What is normal? Are we an average family?” The answer we give these comparative questions leads to decisions that are minor and sometimes major.

Comparing ourselves to the Holy Family is definitely more suitable. Rather than looking for an *average result* about who we are called to be, we should be aspiring to the Holy Family and the example given us. Today then, material possessions are no where near the goal we should set when compared to a family that still talks to each other, spends time with each other, goes on vacations together, goes to the lake with each other, even has regular meals together and wholesome socializing and interaction.

Evangelizing and being Missionary Disciples might feel like a high pressured call, but it can be described in a very simple manner. In fact, you are probably missionary more often than you know. You evangelize but never really knew it. **Step 1:** Pray for the grace and courage to let God use you today as a missionary disciple. **Step 2:** Share with another person a spiritual and prayerful moment you have had with God. It is easier to recall praying after receiving great news or very sad news. These moments often lead us to pray. The moment you prayed earnestly was indeed an encounter with Christ. Share a bit about the circumstances and what that prayer meant to you and that's it. That is evangelization in a very simple form. When we learn to do this in the family, we can understand why the pope's over several decades have encouraged families to be missionary disciples.

At the recent Plenary Session during the Convocation Of Catholic Leaders – The Joy Of The Gospel In America – on July 3, 2017, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson quoted the Holy Father and the document *Familiaris Consortio*. “The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate God's love. It is to be an icon of God's love.”

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Christ give couples the capacity to live the love necessary to form Missionary Disciples. The family is essentially missionary. Mr. Anderson quotes Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*, who quotes the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, “Spouses are consecrated and by means of special grace they are called to build up the body of Christ and form a Domestic Church.” Do this by sharing your Christ encounters. God doesn’t give us a call without giving us the grace to be whom we are called to be.

Pope Francis also remembers the wisdom proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.

Blessed Paul VI, in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, further developed the Church’s teaching on marriage and the family. In a particular way, with the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* he brought out the intrinsic bond between conjugal love and the generation of life: ‘Married love requires of husband and wife the full awareness of their obligations in the matter of responsible parenthood, which today, rightly enough, is much insisted upon, but which at the same time must be rightly understood... The exercise of responsible parenthood requires that husband and wife, keeping a right order of priorities, recognize their own duties towards God, themselves, their families and human society’ (No. 10). In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, Paul VI highlighted the relationship between the family and the Church. (AL Ch 3: 68)

You, as a knight and especially as a father, are an important part of the missionary team found in the family. Continue to reflect on this profound honour and mystery. Pray for grace. Share a prayer experience. That’s it. May Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to give you the desire to lead your family as missionary disciples. The “Jones’ ” will hopefully want to be like your family.

In Christ,



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



The Saskatchewan State Board has announced that the following state events have been awarded:

Spiritual Enrichment - Regina - March 9, 10, 2018

State Golf - Spiritwood - June 23, 24, 2018

Organizational Meeting - Battlefords - July 6, 7, 8, 2018

Charity Appeal - Cudworth - October 27, 2018

To view our events calendar, please visit our website: <https://kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=357>



Agency Report

Why is the Knights of Columbus insurance the best?

There are approx. 1400 life insurance companies in North America. The K of C will not have cheaper rates than all of them. Think about when you make a major purchase.... do you buy the cheapest product out there? Probably not. Price is a factor but you always weigh many features and benefits i.e. quality, durability, performance, enhancements, warranty, etc.

Let's take a look at the Knights of Columbus insurance program.

1) Strength

- Highest ratings from A.M. Best (A++) 42 consecutive years
- Highest ratings granted from Standard & Poor's AA+
 - these rating agencies don't hand out top ratings like candy

2) Ethics

- Designated World's Most Ethical Company (Ethisphere Institute)
- Ethics of K of C Investments
 - the Order does not invest in any company that is involved with abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, contraception, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

3) Size & Participation

- Fortune 1000 company
- Assets of \$22 billion
- 50th largest insurer in North America
- \$105 Billion + of life insurance in force (a lot of our members think it's a great thing!)

4) Timely Payouts

- Each year the Order pays out close to \$900 million in death benefits, annuities/RRIFs, maturities and dividends combined. We deliver and pay out quickly!

5) Great Products

- We offer the products that our members and their families need. A cross section of great products including permanent & term life insurance, disability insurance, long term care insurance and annuities/RRSPs/RRIFs/TFSAs and non-registered investments.

6) Survivors Benefits/Support

- Our agents are there for members and their families to help them in the aftermath of the loss of a loved one. Many companies let you make claims on your own or go on the internet to make a claim. K of C agents can assist with many other claims and even help a family with funeral arrangements. This is all free of charge as a member.

7) Fraternal Benefits

- Includes guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children; death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children; orphan benefits; and member/spouse accidental death benefits.

8) Personalized Services

- The Order provides members with a complimentary insurance and retirement needs analysis through their local field agent by utilizing a tool called "Profiles & Forecaster."

9) End-of Life Planning

- There is the availability of a free K of C Personal Planning Workbook.
- This 34 page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

10) Charitable Donations

- As a non-profit organization, every year the Order donates approx. \$30 million + from our insurance revenue to countless Church and charitable causes.
- The 'Did You Know?' brochure is an excellent reference for several of these good causes

11) The philosophy of the Order

- The K of C has no shareholders and therefore the decisions we make in our boardroom are for the benefit of our members & their families.
- We can safely say that for Catholics and members of the Order there is not a better life insurance company out there.



Vivat Jesus! Mark Lewans—General Agent

Programs

Brother Knights:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

Continue to submit your council's monthly activities on the Council Activity Program Description Form. The form is available on www.kofcsask.com website.

Continue using the Fraternal Leader Success Planner to plan your programs for the next 6 months. Good planning brings success to your council, keeps your members active and possibly will encourage new members to join your council. The planner will also remind you of important Supreme and State programs. It is a great tool to keep track of all your council activities and to track your council's progress each month. Use the Success Planner to plan, track and report on your results.

Reminder of upcoming Report Form due dates:

- 1). January 31 - Form #5023 – Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Participation.
- 2). January 31 - Form #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. It is very important that all councils have this form completed and sent in before or by the due date.
- 3). January 31 - Form #4584 – Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics.
- 4). January 31 - Form #FT-1 – Free Throw Championship Participation – Council competition by end of January, District competition by mid-February and Zone competition by March 1.
- 5). February 1 – Council [Activity Program Description Form](#).
- 6). February 15 - Form #1295 – Semi-annual Council Audit for period ended December 31, 2017.
- 7). March 1 – Form STSP – State Council Service Program (Single Project) Awards.
- 8). March 1 - Form #18 - Family of the Year.
- 9). March 15 - Form #4001 – Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation.
- 10). March 15 – Form #4216 – Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

These forms can be found at kofc.org/forms or in the Council Reports Forms Booklet (#1436). Item 5). Form can be found at kofcsask.com.

Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish – Building the Domestic Church initiative is a series of programs that will help members, their families and Catholics grow and develop in their faith. Many councils are successfully incorporating Domestic Church programs such as Family Rosary Services, the Journey to the Inn and Consecration to the Holy Family into their programming schedules. If your council has not yet done this here are a few suggestions on how to get involved:

- 1). Meet with your pastor to plan your 2018 event calendar. Parish priorities should drive your council's activities.
- 2). Read or watch the Supreme Knight's Domestic Church address, found at kofc.org/domesticchurch, under "Latest News."
- 3). Explore kofc.org/domesticchurch. There you can find resources to help your council plan activities.
- 4). Promote Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive (#10162). Order copies of the program for your members, and ask your Chaplain or lecturer to incorporate the monthly theme into your meetings.
- 5). Start a study group for your parish and council using Bishop Olmsted's Into the Breach (#340). In particular, focus on discussing and implementing the "Practices of a Committed Catholic Man" mentioned in the booklet.

It is important to note that Building the Domestic Church programs are not intended to replace those that your council is already successfully implementing. It is however, recommended that every council evaluate each program they sponsor, modifying or eliminating those that do not meet the needs of the members, parish and community.

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 activities.

For more information on the Building the Domestic Church initiative and a listing of BDC programs, visit kofc.org/domesticchurch.

Wishing you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 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"/> 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

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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

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: 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.sgpd@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 Youth Program

SK State Youth Program Director's Date Reminders

“Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest” district winners should be sent to me by the end of January for regional judging by January 31st and State judging for February 15th. All State winners need to be at Supreme by February 28th. See the “Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest” guide for full details.

“Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest” – district winners should be sent to me by March 15th as all posters are due to Supreme office by April 30th for International judging. See the “Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest” for full details.

Don't forget the “Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest”, “Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest”, “Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest”. All information is found on the Supreme website.

“Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest” district winners should be sent to me by March 15th as all essays are due to Supreme office by April 15th for International judging. See the “Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest” guide for full details.

BBFT should be running once schools start up again in January 2018 and your district competition should be done in February and regionals done beginning of March. I need the regional / state results by March 15th - for Supreme and our State convention in April. If I get an exact date from Supreme as to when they want their re-

sults – I will send that out.

Be sure to coordinate with your fellow DD's within your region to set the regional date.

Zones that had been previously determined for regional competitions are:

Zone #1 - Districts 1, 2, 3 & 7

Zone #2 - Districts 8, 9 & 10

Zone #3 - Districts 4, 5 & 6

Zone #4 - Districts 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28

Zone #5 - Districts 13, 14 & 29

Zone #6 - Districts 11, 12 & 21

Zone #7 - Districts 15 & 19

Zone #8 - Districts 16, 17 & 20

Zone #9 - Districts 18, 22 & 23

When you do your regional competition – be sure to have your winners throw state free throws as well. Please email me your results soon thereafter. I need your different categories' winners; their mailing addresses and the parent or guardian's name. I also need their council number and district number.

There is also a council participation form that needs to be sent into Supreme (form FT-1) listing the number of participants in each category.

Coats for Kids order form is found on the State web site.

Ordering is done through the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation. But the order is sent to wherever you want it sent to.



**Dale Meier
SK State Youth
Program Director**



**Special
Olympics**
Saskatchewan

Happy New Year! Special Olympics Saskatchewan had an incredible 2017! This is due in part to the incredible support of the Knights of Columbus within Saskatchewan. For this, we say THANK YOU!

Upcoming Special Olympics Saskatchewan events:

- January 19 – Athlete Leadership Program, **Regina**
- January 25 – 2018 Knights of Columbus Indoor Games, **Saskatoon**
- January 26-28 – Curling Bonspiel, **Regina**
- January 28 – Swim Meet, **Swift Current**
- February 2 - Cross Country Ski Try It Camp, **La Ronge**
- February 3 – Snowshoe Competition, **La Ronge**
- February 10 - Snowshoe Competition, **Saskatoon**
- February 10 – Floor Hockey Tournament, **Prince Albert**
- February 14 – Polar Plunge, **Regina**
- February 17- Bowling Tournament, **Regina**
- February 24 – Polar Plunge, **Moose Jaw**
- March 4- Swim Meet, **Humboldt**
- March 9-11- Athlete Leadership Program, **Prince Albert**

For more information or to get involved with these events please call 306-780-9247.

Happy New Year

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Culture of Life

CULTURE OF LIFE REPORT

I would like to comment on three initiatives that have been proposed to be conducted in this Columbian year for which Brother Knights are asked to assist with. These include:

- A Province-wide “Conscience Protection” Postcard distribution campaign asking for all Catholics and various other Christian Faith Followers to sign the Postcard. It is intended to request our Saskatchewan MLA's to provide, through Law, protection for the conscious rights of Health Care Professionals from having to act against their conscience with respect to medically assisted dying and abortion. Of particular interest is the medical assistance in dying bill that was passed in the Manitoba Legislature this past November which can be accessed by the following link: <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/41-2/b034e.php>.
- The Dying Healed Program, a project of 'Life Canada' seeks to educate and prepare lay people in the fact that their presence at the bedside of a lonely or dying person is an invaluable service. It is an attempt to reach out to those who feel that life has no value; the elderly, disabled, ill and dying – those most at risk of giving up and most susceptible to the ideas that have come with the advent of legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide. This Program is presently underway within the Diocese of Saskatoon and within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatchewan. We are very optimistic that this Program will soon also be made available within the Dioceses of Prince Albert and Regina.
- The 2018 March for Life planning is underway with Sask. Pro-Life, Campaign Life and Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus working together towards formulating this Event. The Saskatchewan March for Life at the Legislature is set to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Planning will continue to proceed and develop for all three of the above endeavors and, as they do, we will attempt to keep Brother Knights informed through the Sask. Knightline and, if need be, through specific notices.

May the joy, peace and love of Christ be with you and yours in this New Year!



Vivat Jesus
Gerald & Bernie Wiegers
Culture of Life Couple



Council Activities

The **Davidson Knights 5384** presented the health centre with 6 chairs today



Sorry...names not provided by photographer. Editor



Maning the kettle at cornwall



ARNOLD NEUMANN

8/28/1931 - 1/3/2018

Sorry to advise that Bro. Arnold Neumann, a long-time Knight of Columbus with Archbishop O'Neill Council #8896, passed away Jan 03rd. His funeral was Wednesday Jan 10, 2018 at Holy Child Parish in Regina.

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/regina/obituaries/arnold-neumann/13614/>



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND HOLY CROSS PARISH

315 Douglas Ave

Hosted by Msgr. Gerein # 9859

On behalf of the Regina Chapter Knights of Columbus
MARCH 09/10, 2018



"EVANGELIZATION & BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH"

Schedule of Events

Friday March 09

5:30 – 6:30 - Poor Man supper
6:45 - Stations of Cross
7:15 - Mass

Following Mass – participant registrations & fraternity – social time

Please note – you are welcome to take part in the readings during the Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 10

09:00 – 10:15 - participant registrations

Opening remarks, introductions & sessions will commence at 10:30.

This is to accommodate those attending but planning travel Saturday morning.

This year's theme is very relevant & top-of-mind within the Order and Church. Invite all to make the effort to attend. Better yet, bring a friend with you – Knight or not; Catholic or not

Registrations can be forwarded to Dan Devers, GK # 9859 – 2723 E Jolly Pl Regina S4V 0X8,

Name: _____

Council #: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____ Postal code: _____

_____ \$30 early registration – by February 07, 2018

_____ \$40 registration

Fees include Poor Man supper (Fri) & snacks, coffee & lunch

Cheques payable to: Msgr. Gerein Council # 9859

Hotel rooms are being held at the Sandman Hotel – 1800 Victoria Ave E

Phone: 306.757.2444 or 855.516.1090

Standard rooms (15) or Junior suites (5) @ \$99 for Friday March 09

Rooms will be held until **February 07, 2018**

Questions or more information, please contact –

Dan Devers @ 306.529.3644 ; d.devers@sasktel.net

Paul Ponak @ 306.790.9317 ; prponak@sasktel.net

Knights of Columbus Major Degree
Ste. Therese Parish
Leoville Sask.
January 21, 2018

Candidate Registration: Ste. Therese Church entrance
10:00 – 11:00

Mass: Ste. Therese Church 11:00 – 12:00

Lunch: Leoville Central School 12:00 – 1:00

Ladies Program: Leoville Senior Center 1:00 – 3:30
\$35.00 charge for ladies program. Payable at time of program.

Degree Ceremonies: Leoville Central School 1:15 – 3:30

Knighting Ceremonies: Ste. Therese Church 4:00 – 4:30

Cocktails and Social: Leoville Senior Center 4:45 – 5:30

Banquet: Leoville Senior Center 5:30 – 6:30

Program: Leoville Senior Center 6:30 – 8:00

All venues are within walking distance of each other.

FR. PHIL RELAND COUNCIL 10856
Invites everyone to come and share in the festivities of
our very special day.

Council Number: _____
Grand Knight: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Registration Form (Please return by Friday January 12, 2018)

(Please **print** clearly for certificate use)

No.	Candidate Last Name	Candidate First name
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

Any questions or concerns?

Contact:
Leon Pouliot
District Deputy #16
Phone: (306) 984 – 7656
Email:
leonpouliot_24@hotmail.com

Please write a single
cheque for the total
amount payable to K of C
Council 10856 and send
with registration form by
January 12, 2018.

K of C Council 10856
c/o Leon Pouliot
Box 88
Leoville SK. S0J 1N0

Note: The Candidate fee includes a banquet ticket.

Number of additional banquet guests? = _____
(for brother knights, spouses, etc.)
Ladies Program: # of ladies _____

Total Cost

Candidates _____ x \$45.00 = _____
Extra Banquet Tickets _____ x \$20.00 = _____
Extra Lunch Tickets _____ x \$5.00 = _____
Total = _____



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 January 2018

Saskatchewan Knightline

Introduction to the Saskatchewan State Communications Team

State Deputy **Brian Schatz** has created a Saskatchewan State Communications Team. It combines four program directors under one email address so that brother knights can more easily create and notify other brother knights and their families about upcoming or past fraternal activities. The four program directors who will be copied on the email are:

1. State Executive Secretary **Gerry Gieni** who looks after the master email list.
2. State Webmaster **Peter Folk** who looks after the website kofcsask.com.
3. State Newsletter Editor **Gus Janczyszyn** who looks after the Saskatchewan Knightline which is posted on the website and emailed to councils.
4. State Social Media Chairman **Kevin Kanawati** who posts on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and any other social media.

For example, if your council is hosting a fund-raiser that other councils would be interested in attending, create a poster including all the details and email it to Communications@kofcsask.com. Each program director will use the information provided and distribute or post on their respective platforms. Sounds like a good idea!



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



From the Bulletin Editor

The **deadline** for submitting Articles/Photos will be **the day after the 1st 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>
February 2018	February 2, 2018
March 2018	March 2, 2018
April 2018	March 2, 2018
May 2018	May 2, 2018
June 2018	June 2, 2018

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



Bulletin Editor
Gus Janczyszyn

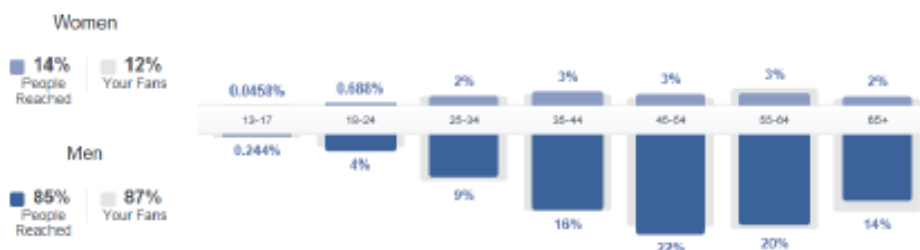




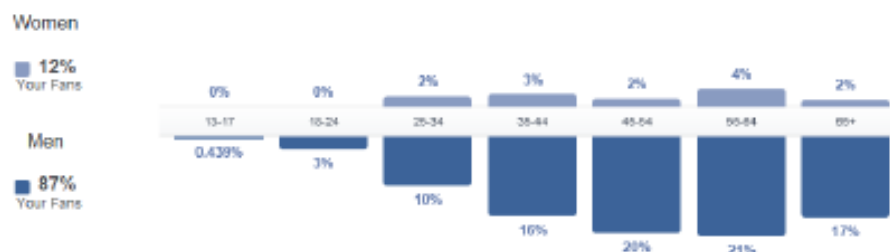
Social Media Report

Facebook Public Page <https://www.facebook.com/KofCSask/>

The number of people who have seen any content associated with our Page by age and gender grouping:



Aggregated demographic data about the people who like our Page based on the age and gender information they provide in their user profiles:



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

Recently we connected the State Facebook page and members group together as part of a new Facebook feature.

Twitter [@KofCSaskState](https://twitter.com/KofCSaskState) 2061 Tweet Impressions for the month of November.

YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YBn-icoLS1jnBAx5C_wiA.

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

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



Vivat Jesus!
Kevin Kanawati B.Comm., PgD, MSc. IT
 Social Media Chairman