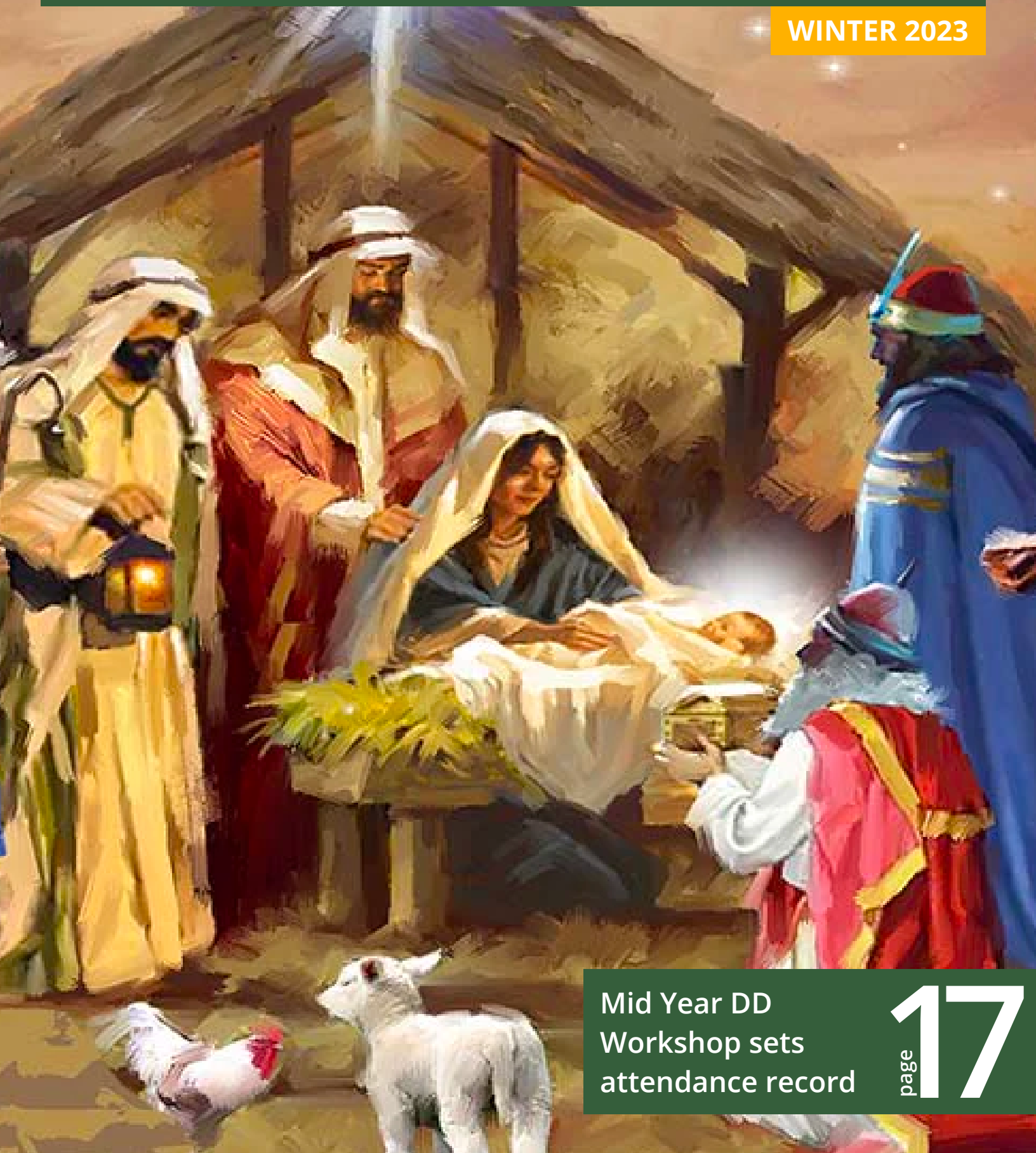


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Ontario State Bulletin



WINTER 2023



Mid Year DD
Workshop sets
attendance record

page **17**



Let your faith guide your financial decisions.

By entrusting the Knights of Columbus with your financial future, you are not merely making a decision for the benefit of your family – you are partnering with an organization that has worked to preserve life, protected the family, and defended the Catholic faith for more than 140 years.

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

Thank you for your business and continued support. Contact your agent to learn more.



Sonny Sangemino
*General Agent - Canadian
Agency Executive
Consultant*
1-855-803-0448
sonny.sangemino@kofc.org



Marc Madore
General Agent
1-888-515-8267
marc.madore@kofc.org



Daniel Duval
General Agent
1-877-326-5632
daniel.duval@kofc.org



Cleophas Castillo
General Agent
1-431-815-5003
Cleophas.castillo@kofc.org



Michael Mullin
General Agent
905-655-8978
michael.mullin@kofc.org



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Discover our Catholic difference.

Knights of Columbus ("KofC") offers life insurance, annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance products. For costs, terms, conditions and complete details regarding these products, please contact your agent directly or call KofC at 1-800-380-9995. Products may vary by state. Insurance solutions are available to eligible KofC members in the U.S. and Canada. Knights of Columbus is located at: 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510.



TABLE OF CONTENTS



KNIGHTS RENEWED PARTNERSHIP WITH CANADIAN MILITARY

Since the Great War, the Ontario Knights of Columbus have been steadfast supporters of our Canadian Armed Forces. This enduring commitment began with the Canadian Catholic Army Huts...



DD WORKSHOP BREAKS RECORDS FOR ATTENDANCE

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for the incredible effort and dedication shown during our recent Mid-Year District Deputy Workshop, held...

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- 04** STATE DEPUTY: CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
- 05** 50/50 RAFFLE
- 06** STATE CHAPLAIN: CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
- 07** LIFE PILLAR: WE NEED YOU ASAP
- 09** FAMILY PILLAR: KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
- 10** FAITH PILLAR: FEAST DAY OF BLESSED FR. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY – VOTIVE MASS
- 11** COMMUNITY PILLAR: WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM
- 12** COMMUNITY PILLAR: FUNDRAISING EFFORT FOR VETERANS' HOUSE CENOTAPH PROJECT
- 13** COMMUNITY PILLAR: LOOKING FOR ASSISTANT STATE SQUIRES DIRECTOR
- 16** SPRINT TO FOUNDERS DAY
- 20** WHY YOU NEED INSURANCE
- 21** LET'S PLAY BINGO

03



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By: State Deputy, Bruce S. Poulin

This Christmas, most of you will have an opportunity to gather with family and friends. As Catholics, it is also a great reminder to keep Christ in Christmas and be thankful for His salvation.

While there will be much to be thankful for, there are still many families who will be facing difficult pressures and gratitude towards our Saviour may be a challenge for them this Christmas. As a result, I wanted to make sure you had a chance to give and show your Charity in action.

In this edition of the State Bulletin, you will see many articles about the great work we are doing by putting our Faith in Action, but you will also see many opportunities to donate and help us come alongside families that are dealing with challenging situations.

Lady Zoye and I want to sincerely thank you for helping make the Knights of Columbus in Ontario the exceptional organization that it is. Your ability to volunteer with us in this time of need helps shape our work, our community and our impact for years to come.

Vivat Jesus!



Membership *Statistics*

04

	2012-2023	2023	2023
Membership Intake for Q2 of this fraternal year	11-year average	Actual	Goal
	519	526	570

Congratulations to Council 16003 in Wilno which has the distinction of having the highest ratio of members to its community: one member for every 6 members in the community.

Photo: Council 16003 in Wilno



Vivat Jesus!



STATE TREASURER - 50/50 RAFFLE

By: State Treasurer, Joe Bodnar

On September 1st we started our final 2023 50/50 raffle, and we hope each participating council will support Homeless Shelters and our Coats for Kids program.

Congratulations to our October 1st Early Bird winners

- \$500.00 – Bill Jesty, \$250.00 draws – Robert Coleman and Leo Mayer and our November 1st Early Bird winners
- \$500.00 – Jesse Shuster, \$250.00 draws – Dianne Sahadeo and Scott Lefreniere.

The final draw date will be December 31, 2023. Please encourage your family, friends, and brother Knights to purchase tickets for these needy causes.



Next year we will change our host and will be using a Canadian company, Rafflebox, to hold our raffles. Visit their website, www.rafflebox.ca to see the other organizations that also use their services. All councils registered presently with Ascend will be given a new URL and QR code in December to be able to continue to sell tickets and raise funds for their charity accounts. If your council is not participating but ones to start selling tickets in 2024 please call the State Office to register your council.

Next year we will only be hosting 2 draws. The dates will be January 1 – April 29, 2024 and September 1 – December 31, 2024. There will be more information being sent to each Council in early December.

As we get closer to the end of the year some councils are deciding which charities, they may assist financially around Christmas time. As Knights we have been supporters of the Arthritis Society and ask for your continued support by donating to them. Please visit our website for the link or www.arthritis.ca to find out more about how arthritis effects many Canadians.

In closing, Tricia and I wish you and your family a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!



Vivat Jesus!



STATE CHAPLAIN CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By: State Chaplain, Marcel Dampousse

"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." Titus 2:11
(From the Second Reading for the Mass during the Night of Christmas)

Dear Brother Knights,

For us Christians, the birth of Jesus has nothing to do with the world of folklore, even if certain traditions of this kind have emerged around this feast. It is not a fairy tale for the holiday season comparable to Santa Claus. This is not a fable, nor a mythological tale. Let's take the time to grasp the magnitude of this divine and historical event of global proportions, even if it is the birth of a child, in a stable over two thousand years ago to poor little-known parents.

What we are celebrating is God's faithfully fulfilled promise, announced by the prophets, to His people, whom He has always loved. Out of concern for our salvation, our happiness and our eternity, God has intervened in a unique and singular way in our time and space. The All-Powerful God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, decided to enter our world in a humble and unexpected way. Conceived of the Holy Spirit in the virginal womb of Mary, God became incarnate, and came among us as a newborn child. This non-threatening entry into our world will allow Him to reveal himself as a loving and compassionate person, eager to set us free and help us partake in the fullness of his life. It is this very same child that will be known by many as Jesus Christ, Son of God, Lord and Savior who will lay down his life on the cross and rise from the dead.

"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." This is how Saint Paul announces to Titus the good news of the arrival of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the long-awaited hope of a people who have walked in darkness; of sinners awaiting their redemption; of a people called to become a holy nation. Jesus "gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds." (Titus 2:14)

In wishing you a Merry Christmas, I pray that you may truly experience a divine encounter and savor the joy of being loved and saved. This is God the Father's gift to you in His Son, for He wants your salvation and needs you to build His Kingdom. This is the Mission to which we have been sent! As children of God and missionary disciples of Christ, let us take to heart our calling and bring Jesus to everyone wherever they are.



Vivat Jesus!





Life Pillar: We Need You ASAP

By: Life Director, Alex Schadenberg

As Christmas approaches we think of Our Saviour who was born of a virgin in a stable because there was no room for the Holy Family. Our Saviour was born in humble circumstances and yet He gave His life so we could all have abundant eternal life through Him.

When I reflect on this it makes me think about the plight of pregnant women who are seeking help to give birth to their child. Women will often find help at a pregnancy center that is operated by pro-life people who are giving their time and offering love and support.

Pregnancy centers will often find that demand for their services increase in December and often they will provide Christmas gifts for the pregnant women to help them also celebrate the birth of Christ.

December is a great time for Knights of Columbus councils to take advantage of the ASAP (Aid and Support after Pregnancy) program. This program helps pregnancy centers because your council donation of \$500 or more is topped up by a donation by the Supreme Council to the same pregnancy center.

For every \$500 your council donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2000) the Supreme Council will donate \$100 to the same place. To be clear, if your council donates \$2000 to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will donate \$400 to the same place.

Many councils, this year, have already donated to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home but if you have not donated \$2000 this year, you can still maximize the ASAP program benefit by donating more. Councils and districts should also be preparing to order buses for the National March for Life in Ottawa. The 2024 March for Life will be on Thursday May 9 on parliament hill.

Finally, I would like to thank the many councils and Knights of Columbus members who supported the half-marathon run for Compassionate Community Care that past State Deputy Marcel Lemmen, and I organized. This year we raised more than \$21,000 for Compassionate Community Care. Compassionate Community Care provides help to protect people from euthanasia and assisted suicide and it provides training for people for visiting seniors and others who are lonely and needing a friend.

Have a Happy and
Holy Christmas and a
Blessed New Year



Vivat Jesus!





Rosaries for our Servicemen and Women

By: State Deputy, Bruce S. Poulin

Since the Great War, the Ontario Knights of Columbus have been steadfast supporters of our Canadian Armed Forces. This enduring commitment began with the Canadian Catholic Army Huts, providing chapels and recreation for all soldiers, and distributing rosaries and other devotional items to Catholic soldiers. Our support evolved during World War II, exemplified by the distribution of over 32,000 prayer books and 18,000 rosaries to military chaplains under the Canadian Army Huts program.

Today, this legacy continues through initiatives like providing coats to homeless veterans, sponsoring a cenotaph for the Veterans' Homeless Housing project, raising awareness by donating WWI replica rosary beads to our District Deputies, and supplying rosaries to serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

In this spirit, our State Deputy donated some 30 replica rosaries made of gunmetal to Captain (Padre) Richard Bernier of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. These rosaries will be offered to any serving military member upon request, furthering our commitment to those who serve our nation.



Vivat Jesus!



Family Pillar: KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

By: Family Director, Jaime Libaque

There is more to Christmas than Santa Claus and gifts. The secular society has over-commercialized Christmas. It's become associated with parties at work, exchanging gifts, decorations, well lit malls competing to attract consumers, Santa Claus parades, etc.

"According to the Retail Council of Canada, the average Canadian spent around \$1,593 during the 2020 holiday season, including gifts, decorations, food.... this figure can vary depending on individual circumstances..". No wonder why businesses look forward to Christmas as a profit making opportunity. And consumers are likely incurring debts.

And amidst all of the commercial activity, where is Christ you may ask?

According to the 2021 Census of Population, over 19.3 million people in Canada reported being Christian, representing just over half (53.3%) of the country's population. It's worth noting that this proportion is down from 67.3% in 2011 and 77.1% in 2001. The implication of this trend is a subject of another discussion, related to the immigration policy.

As a country with a diverse ethnic population and religions, we are tolerant and accepting of various religious beliefs. The 19.3 million Canadians with Christian beliefs deserve to be respected when they celebrate Christmas, as a religious festivity centered around the birth of Jesus Christ. The phrases "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" are both used during the season to extend well wishes to others. However, for the Christian population is more meaningful and respectful to wish each other "Merry Christmas". There is NO Christmas without Christ!

Within the Knights of Columbus, we are committed to "Keep Christ in Christmas". The Advent season is an opportunity for our annual campaign to raise awareness in society of the true meaning of Christmas, which is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We recently reminded our Councils, via a mass email, of traditional Family Knights' activities:

- Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) poster contest, aimed at school children
- Building crèches / Nativity Scenes
- Consecration to the Holy Family

There is more to Christmas than Santa Claus and gifts. Let's work together in Unity, to resist the secular pressure of commercialization and let's convey our catholic message to "Keep Christ in Christmas". Let's make Jesus Christ the center of our Christmas celebration.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed Advent Season and Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus!





Faith Pillar: Feast Day of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney – Votive Mass

By: Faith Director, Joseph Remedios

It's not a crime to be poor and be in great need but it is a crime to stand by and do nothing while our brothers and sisters and their children and some of our seniors are in great need today.

In today's world, there are so many reasons a person ends up at a food bank, looking for help.

Times have changed, the cost of living has increased exponentially since Covid hit us and unfortunately, the wages have not. Homeless people on the street are growing every day and a new saying "The working poor" has come to be used now. The definition of working poor is when you can't make enough money to live a basic normal life and you must seek aid to survive.

This is where we the Knights of Columbus come into play, as we in unity, follow in the steps of Jesus and band together to help as many people as we can with no regard to where they came from or how they got where they are today.

This help can be given in two ways, by raising money and or collecting food to assist the food banks and feed hungry people, with no questions asked.

How do we do this you may ask.

Well, we can put on events in our church and community to raise money, and through our program "Food for Families", we donate to the Food Banks for them to operate or we through our parishes ask our fellow Catholics to help those in need with donations of food, by telling them of the need out there and that we should live our faith and love and help our fellow human beings, without any criticisms.

For that, the Knights of Columbus will reward the Councils, by giving any council a rebate. To qualify for the rebate, a Council must either donate \$500 or 1000 lbs. of food to a Food Bank; then fill out the documents (we will supply you, with proof of their gift) and submit them to the Supreme Office.

Let's not pretend our community doesn't need help, let's open our eyes and hearts, be aware of the needs of others "Walk in the footsteps of Jesus" and make a difference in their lives and ours and our children's through our actions our children will learn.

Finally, it is not a Crime to be poor but it is a moral crime to ignore the needs of our fellow humans around us when in our small way we can ease their burden.



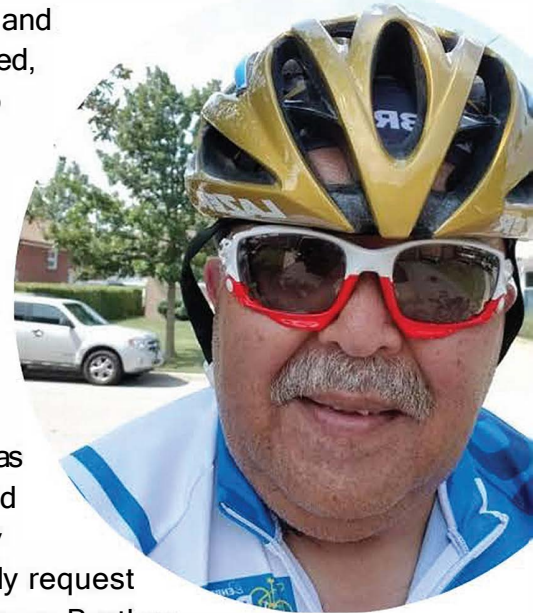


Community Pillar: Wheelchair Program

By: Global Wheelchair Mission Chairman, Francisco Naar

I still remember how I fell in love with this program over 15 years ago and still, every time we deliver and present a wheelchair to a person in need, I feel the very real "Experience of a Lifetime". It is a feeling that has no price. The feeling when you see a child, or an adult or an elderly person smiling and with happiness tears in their eyes, I feel that we, the members of the Ontario Knights of Columbus Councils, have accomplished the will of our Founder Blessed Fr. Michael G McGivney for reaching out to persons in need and help them to make their life more active and enjoyable with their families and friends in the community, at school, church or to be able to work.

Charity, "giving or donating", is the cardinal virtues of our Order, and as we enter the Christmas spirit, thinking of "giving" presents to our loved ones, I would like to appeal to you Brother Knights to give presents by "donating" a wheelchair to the less fortunate during this Christmas. My request is not only to the KofC Councils to donate, but also, I would like to ask you Brother Knights to adopt this program and donate a wheelchair on behalf of your family in gratitude for all the good that God as given you. By donating a wheelchair, you will make the difference in many people's lives because Charity starts with you.



Brothers, allow me to tell you more about the Global Wheelchair Mission that we do in partnership with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation:

- Raising awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities
- Delivering mobility into the lives of children, teens and adults in the world who have no means to acquire a wheelchair.
- Transforming lives through mobility, and with it giving to all those deprived of it by war, disease, accident, natural disaster and advanced age, independence, dignity, hope and opportunity.

Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus have sponsored the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs to people in need all over the world, showing exemplary compassion, generosity, and dedication to bringing mobility to those in need.

We, the Ontario State Council, have a Puerto Rico Project for 2024, and Panama Project for 2025. We are asking all Ontario Councils to please support the Global Wheelchair Mission during this Christmas and to donate at least one wheelchair.

[Click here to donate.](#)



Vivat Jesus!





Community Pillar: Fundraising Effort for Veterans' House Cenotaph Project

By: State Deputy, Bruce S. Poulin

For almost 125 years, the Ontario Knights of Columbus has been defined by charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism – all in the pursuit of excellence and a commitment to our Catholic Faith in the service of making our world a better place. I am continually awe struck by the work of our members. We have accomplished much together in the past and I am excited at what the future holds for our beloved Catholic fraternal not-for-profit organization.

Our organization continues to demonstrate the essential role our faith can play in tackling some of our province's most complex problems. Our ongoing efforts understand and support such programs as coats for kids, wheelchairs, supplying food banks, the Blessed Fr. Michal J. McGivney Honoris stands as shining examples.



“Last year, more than 8,500 coats were distributed, and 45 wheelchairs were delivered. This invaluable support made a tangible difference in helping us to sustain our mission.”

The trust placed in the Knights of Columbus illustrates the selflessness of our community and the responsibility we have to lead, to inspire, and to effect change in our world.

Among our ground-breaking efforts we have undertaken as part of the 125th anniversary celebrations in 2025 is the erection of a cenotaph at the Veterans' House for homeless veterans. This legacy of support for our military may be traced back to the Canadian Catholic Army Huts during the Great War and again the Canadian Army Huts during the Second World War. It demands our unflinching commitment to fostering a healthy environment for our vulnerable homeless veteran community.

Today I ask you to make a gift of any size to the Veterans House Cenotaph Project Campaign. We pride ourselves on continually meeting the ever-changing needs of veterans, Catholics and our world. From protecting life from conception until natural death to supporting our veterans, your generous support ensures meaningful experiences for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

[Click here to donate.](#)

Yes I am proud to enclose my tax deductible gift to the Veterans' House Cenotaph Project sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



Vivat Jesus!



Community Pillar: Looking For Assistant State Squires Director

By: Squires Director, Enzo Caterina

With more than 250 young Squires exemplifying their motto of Esto Dignus (Be Worthy) throughout the province of Ontario, it has become clear that an assistant State Squires Director would be helpful in managing this international youth fraternity program.

With this thought in mind, I am asking our readers if someone may be interested in helping us to develop young men as leaders who understand their Catholic religion, who have a strong commitment to the Church. The job has three major portfolios. They are:



PROVINCIAL BOARD

- Assist the State Squires Director in coordinating all activities of the Provincial Board with regards to meeting dates, locations, and travel arrangements.
- Oversee the Provincial Board expenses.
- Co-ordinate and chair the Squires Convention Committee.
- Ensure that Provincial Board members are educated in all aspects of running a meeting.
- Member of the Convention Awards Committee.

AREA CHAIRMAN

- Appoint and set program guidelines for Area Chairmen in conjunction with the State Director.
- Monitor membership growth and circle health through Area Chairman's bi-annual reports to identify potential problematic trends and problem areas.
- Aid Area Chairmen in ensuring that circles remain vibrant & healthy.
- Host online meeting with Area Chairman

MISCELLANEOUS

- Monitor membership and circle growth through regular reports received from the Supreme Council.
- Assist The State Director with other projects and events.

Anyone interested is asked to contact me at their earliest convenience.



Vivat Jesus!



Community Pillar: Leave No Neighbour Behind

By: Grand Knight 12706, Denzil Noronha

The members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 12706 in Mississauga have always been strong supporters of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at their St. John of the Cross Parish. This support has taken on many forms over the years including cash donations, delivery of goods and food hampers.

But the lockdowns imposed in the Spring of 2020, added a new dimension to their relief efforts. They had to be innovative, and nobody responded better to this challenge than Brother Bill and his wife Shirley Graham. Together, they set up a table outdoors and handed out sandwiches, sweets and up to 150 bottles of water per day. They also gave out sleeping bags and blankets. With the Fall season approaching the local Columbian Squires also got involved by collecting coats, hats and mitts and donated them to those in need who came to the outdoor tables.

As time moved on, word of mouth spread about the impact these tables were having and more volunteers added tables on their own with the help of the Grahams. They caught on quickly and the community support was unbelievable. In the fall of 2021, the Grahams did a survey of the 13 tables existing and found that the tables provided 14,950 pounds of food per month and served over 1,900 people during that same time period.





Community Pillar: Leave No Neighbour Behind

Continued

Since the Grahams became involved with the food relief effort some four years ago, they have not missed a single day. In other words, every day, every week of every month, for the past four years, the Grahams have been leading their council members' effort in collecting and donating food to those in need in their local community. For their efforts, the City of Mississauga made them COVID heroes.



During the Christmas Dinner held during the Mid-year District Deputy Workshop, our State Deputy, Bruce S. Poulin, recognized the exceptional efforts put forward by the Grahams. He cited their impact as follows: "We are profoundly grateful for the spark of passion and dedication you have ignited within our community.

May you continue to be an active pillar of our Order, inspiring us with your unwavering commitment." The State Deputy then presented Bill with the State Deputy 125th Anniversary Commemorative Coin followed by a standing ovation by all 276 people who were at the dinner.



15

Vivat Jesus!



EXCITING MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

We are pleased to announce an exciting membership incentive for councils, in which your council can win a branded, personalized pull-up banner like the one pictured here.

Entitled "Sprint to Founder's Day," the incentive will run from today thru March 29, 2024, and the rules are simple...if your council brings in six or more new members between today and March 29, you win.

Displaying this banner prominently at council and parish events will help to raise awareness of the excitement about your council. We want to send you one, and there are many resources at your disposal to help your council succeed.

- **Your district deputy.** His experience and knowledge of the Order will be extremely beneficial as you plan for membership success, during this incentive and beyond. He is there to help and support you.
- **Your field agent.** Successful recruiting is really selling your council to prospective members and their families. Your agent is a professionally trained salesman. He can help you succeed.





Celebrating Success and Gratitude for the Mid-Year District Deputy Workshop

By: State Deputy, Bruce S. Poulin

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for the incredible effort and dedication shown during our recent Mid-Year District Deputy Workshop, held from December 1st to 3rd, 2023.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to share that we exceeded all expectations during this workshop. With a remarkable turnout of 86 District Deputies in attendance, it was a testament to the commitment and unity of our Order. What's more, the opening ceremony on Friday night saw a participation of 228 members, and an astounding 276 members joined us for the DD Christmas Banquet dinner on Saturday night, making it a truly special and memorable occasion.



123 members of the Ontario Knights of Columbus leadership attending the business sessions.

During the course of the workshop, we were honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions for our exceptional community service efforts. Saturday marked an extraordinary milestone as our Associate State Chaplain led a Byzantine Rite Advent Mass, a moment that will be cherished in our collective memory. Furthermore, I am delighted to announce that we have successfully filled all Diocesan Association positions and consistently exceeded our monthly average membership intake for the past six consecutive months. Most notably, we achieved a long-standing goal that we set back in 2008 – by the end of the weekend, we had received sufficient orders to donate over 10,000 coats to children in need as well as \$8,500 in cash donations and a commitment to purchase 42 wheelchairs.



Celebrating Success and Gratitude for the Mid-Year District Deputy Workshop

Continued



Hon. Michael A. Tibolo, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions with State Deputy Bruce S. Poulin.



Minister Tibolo presenting our State Deputy with the Certificate of Appreciation for our Community Service.

These tangible achievements not only reinforce our purpose but also underscore the strength of our message and the impact we have on our communities. It is a true testament to the dedication and unwavering commitment of our Knights of Columbus members.

I extend my warmest congratulations to all those who played a role in organizing this exceptional event, as well as to each and every one of you who attended. Your enthusiasm and dedication are the driving force behind our success, and I am incredibly proud to be part of such an outstanding organization.

As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to work together, united in our mission to serve and support our communities. The Mid-Year District Deputy Workshop was a shining example of what we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose.

18





Celebrating Success and Gratitude for the Mid-Year District Deputy Workshop

Continued



Almost 75 women gathered at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Center for the District Deputy Workshop and took part in the ladies program which called on the ladies to make comfort blankets for children. Known as Project Linus Canada, the ladies made 100 blankets to be donated to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need of a hug, through the gifts of new, handmade, washable blankets, quilts and afghans, lovingly crafted by our ladies.



Past and current Ontario State Board officers: (L to R) psd David Peters, State Secretary David Gelinias, State Warden Erle DePass, psd Grant Ertel, psd Russel Cadeau, ipsd Marcel Lemmen, State Deputy Bruce S. Poulin, psd and Deputy Supreme Knight Arthur Peters, State Advocate Henry Miller, State Treasurer Joe Bodnar and psd Nat Gallo.

Vivat Jesus!

WHY YOU NEED INSURANCE

By: Toronto Field Agent, Hamilton Wiltshire

After serving as a Knights of Columbus Field Agent in the Greater Toronto Area for over 15 years, I approach my retirement with a mix of sadness and joy, passing the crucial responsibility of protecting our members to the next generation of Agents.

My professional journey commenced in the insurance industry in my home country and in 2004, I became a member of the Knights, discovering our insurance arm and subsequently applying and being accepted. The products not only offered financial protection but were also family-oriented, seamlessly aligning with my Catholic values.

As a Catholic, the role provided an opportunity to make a positive impact on members' lives and earn graces by going the extra mile. It resonated with my interests, enabling me to transcend discontent and draw closer to my faith.

While the compensation and conditions are commendable, the emotional value transcends mere dollars and cents. This role is more than a job; it's a vocation, shaping me into a better person and aiding families with Faith-based products.

In a world marred by inhumanity, the Knights stand as a beacon for the poor and marginalized. I consider myself fortunate to have been part of this mission, touching lives in a meaningful way.

One of my main successes is the opportunity to impact lives and place over \$100 million of coverage on members throughout my career. More importantly, it's the financial support provided to widows and family members in their times of need that fills me with pride. Each claims check I delivered fulfilled the promise made by Fr. McGivney so many years ago, a promise we continue to uphold today.

To the over 100 members I personally brought into the order, and the many more recruited by my councils, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for all you have done for me and my family.

Joining the Knights opens doors to God, and as the curtain falls on my career, I stand tall, shouting praises for the Knights of Columbus and its insurance.



Vivat Jesus!



Let's Play Bingo!

By Anna Kocmarek

Many Councils host bingos in bingo or church halls. Some run TV bingo or radio bingo.

Now we have Convention Bingo! Every member who registers at the Convention will receive 2 bingo cards. One Convention Bingo card to play at the Convention and one Bulletin Bingo card to take home and play when the summer, fall and winter bulletins come out.

That's four chances to win \$200.

Convention Bingo – Completed!!!

Game 1 - Congratulations to Michael Lobsinger from Council 1431 in Kilroy who had fun playing bingo at the convention and won \$200.

Bulletin Bingo –

Game 2 = Spring Bulletin- closed – no winners!!!

Game 3 – Fall Bulletin – closed – No winners!!!

Bulletin Bingo - Let's play Game 4!

State Deputy Bruce S. Poulin, and Mario and Ani from the State Office have drawn 10 numbers.

B8, B12, B14, I24, I29, G50, G58, O61, O63, O69

There were no winners in Game 2 or 3. The \$400 prize has carried over to game 4 in the Winter bulletin. If we have multiple winners, they will share the \$600 prize.

Use the same card as game 2 and 3. 10 Bingo numbers will be drawn and posted in the Winter bulletin. If you have one line or 4 corners, email Anna at anna@ontariokofc.ca letting her know that you have a winning card. Please include the red card number found at the top of your card as well as the number found under the free spot.

Bingo can only be claimed for 2 weeks after the bulletin is published.

If we have no winners, the prize will carry over and be drawn at the 2024 Convention.

21



Vivat Jesus!



Your faith guides your life, why not your insurance and retirement planning?

With Knights of Columbus, you can protect your family and plan for your retirement – while preserving your Catholic principles and values.

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

Thank you for your business and continued support. Contact your agent to learn more.



South Central Ontario

Michael Mullin

CLU®, CHS, FIC

General Agent

905-655-8978

michael.mullin@kofc.org



Northeastern and
Central Ontario

Daniel Duval, FIC

General Agent

1-877-326-5632

daniel.duval@kofc.org



Northwestern Ontario
and Manitoba

Cleophas Castillo

General Agent

431-815-5003

cleophas.castillo@kofc.org



Eastern Ontario

**Marc Madore CFP®,
CLU®, ChFC®, CHS, FIC**
General Agent

1-888-515-8267

marc.madore@kofc.org



Southwestern Ontario

Sonny Sangemino FIC, CHS, CPCA
*General Agent – Canadian Agency
Executive Consultant*

1-855-803-0448

sonny.sangemino@kofc.org



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Discover our Catholic difference.

Knights of Columbus ("KofC") offers life insurance, annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance products. For costs, terms, conditions and complete details regarding these products, please contact your agent directly or call KofC at 1-800-380-9995. Products may vary by state. Insurance solutions are available to eligible KofC members in the U.S. and Canada. Knights of Columbus is located at: 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510.