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Message from the State Deputy

Message from the State Chaplain

“The Best Is Yet To Come!”



Vince R. Reyes

**“The Church has always prevailed
and will always prevail”**



Fr. Jim Corrigan

*H*ow time flies! With barely three weeks left, at the end of June, the end of the current fraternal year is fast approaching. Looking back, the in-person scheduled Annual State Council meeting on April 24-26, 2020 at the Westin Hotel in Calgary, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of this, in order to protect and preserve the safety and well-being of our members, ladies and others, as per Supreme mandate, we conducted a Virtual State Council meeting on May 9, 2020. In light of the current coronavirus pandemic emergency, the Supreme Board of Directors declared that the “rules and any procedural directions issued by the Supreme Knight or his designees regarding the State Council meetings in 2020 supersede any conflicting provisions in the State Council bylaws or other rules.” Moreover, the Supreme Council “strongly recommended that State Councils limit the number of resolutions that would be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary for consideration at the Supreme Convention.”

As fate would have it, the Premier of Alberta, a brother Knight, the Honorable Jason Kenney and our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, delivered their messages “live” to the delegates. As your State Deputy, it was indeed an honor and privilege, to introduce and welcome our distinguished guests. That was truly, “an experience of a lifetime!”

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*M*y Dear Brothers Summer 2020

Summer has not yet quite arrived, and I am considering googling an ark building tutorial. I had some ark plans handed down to me from Noah, but the dimensions were all in “cubits”, so I am having trouble with the translation if you get my biblical drift. Brothers, we have concluded the Easter season celebrating the Ascension of our Lord back into His heavenly realm, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost giving birth to the Church that today is our Holy Roman Catholic Church. Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons, one distinct being. Three persons with a unified identical mission. Finally, to conclude we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) this weekend.

These are all powerful and extremely significant events in the Liturgy of the Church and yet we have celebrated them, sometimes without a congregation, some with a limit of fifty people at the Mass and none of them with any congregational music. In other words, we have been relegated to the role of bystanders/non-participants in the Liturgy of the Church that we are so used to being actively involved. It has been pointed out to me that Liturgy is not a spectator sport. Yes, we are meant to engage with full, active, conscious participation. No, we never dreamed we would experience the lack of

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From the State Secretary

By Gaston Launière

“Patience and fortitude conquer all things.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Dear Brother Knights,

I think we can all agree that this has been a crazy quarter of a year! Who would have thought for a minute that, due to the pandemic, we will be assisting at our 2020 Annual State Convention through a Conference Call accompanied by a VIRTUAL Jurisdiction State Council Meeting (2 ½ days in 2 ½ hours)? Without predicting the future, is it possible that this will be a sign of the future that changes are coming at a fast pace and that our meetings will become more and more VIRTUAL. Now that the seed has been planted, LET THE FUTURE TALK!

We are now on to new business for the end of this fraternal year. When you have completed your elections for 2020-21 executive, please send the *Report for Officers Chosen for the Term* (form 185) for your Council Executive to Supreme and to the Red Deer Office and complete the *State Roster report* for Shauna for the next year's roster.

Before we enjoy our Alberta sunshine, there is one more task to be done. Please check if you still have any prospects to be initiated by June 30, 2020. We must push hard to meet our membership quota as we only need 72 members (as of May 28, 2020) to keep Alberta in the Circle of Honor. We can do it!

I am looking forward to representing you next year as State Secretary and meeting many of you at the various activities and events you will be hosting. Thank you for your support.

My wife Danielle and I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a good and safe relaxing summer!

Vivat Jesus!

Gaston Launière
State Secretary / Secrétaire d'État

From the State Treasurer

By John Onyskiw

Worthy Brothers all

No doubt many of you have been isolated and suffering from cabin fever due to this COVID-19 virus circulating the world. But with the arrival of summer, our vigilance to social distancing when out, and the relaxing of lockdowns we may start to enjoy some of the outdoors.

This year's Annual State Convention hosted on May 9th was a virtual meeting with delegates from over 120 Councils in attendance. Aside for a few minor glitches it was a success. The incumbent members of the State Board were elected to another term. In addition, a full slate of delegates was elected to represent our jurisdiction for this year's Supreme Annual Convention.

June 30th marks the end of the current Columbian year and a time when all Councils need to submit their Semi-Annual Audit report to Supreme, along with the report of newly elected Council Officers. This information is also required at the State Office as it is used in preparation of the 2020 – 2021 Roster and to ensure that your Council is receiving all the reports and newsletters that affect Councils for the next year.

With July 1st as the start of the new Columbian year it should be a time for the new and old executives to meet to pass over the reins, a time to start planning activities for the New Year, and a time to draft a budget. Many of these may be virtual meetings as some parishes are not permitting meeting to be held on church premises. Regional Leadership Seminars will be scheduled over the summer months and depending upon the status of COVID-19 may be conducted as webinars. While some Brothers may feel they don't need to attend these virtual meetings, it is important for everyone to attend to not only share their knowledge and experiences but the learnings can assist them in their Council position. For new Executive members, these meetings are an invaluable source of information.

It is important to ensure that Councils, Districts, Chapters and the State Board follow the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions for the operation of our activities within the legal and financial

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From the State Advocate

By Andy Soshalski

Dear Brothers,

Hopefully all of us are safe and sound.

This is an unusual fraternal year. For the first time in history we did not have an eye to eye State Convention, because of the pandemic we had to have a virtual one. It was not very easy to hold it, but the State Board tried to make it as smooth as possible. Anyway, we carried three resolutions and tabled one. Ten resolutions were delayed until next year's Convention which as I hope will take place as usual.

In the meantime, thanks to God, that the Holy Masses are resuming, we now can again go to church and receive Communion which is extremely important for our spiritual health. I hope, with the help of our Holy Patron, Father Michael J. McGivney (who we soon be beatified) we will be able to resume our regular Council Activities and we will continue our usual Charitable Activities.

God bless you all Brothers, and your families! Have a wonderful summer and stay safe!

Yours in Christ,

Andy Soshalski,
State Advocate.

From the State Warden

By Rufus Awharitoma

Warden's Angle

Worthy Brother Knights, warmest fraternal greetings to you and your families, in this most unprecedented and perilous time in our human history. But as men of faith, we have adapted and adjusted well to the new reality we find ourselves in.

Questions have risen from all corners of our Jurisdiction, regarding conducting of a safe, secured and successful council meetings (Visually), while ensuring that protocols are in place. Visual meetings are accepted and allowed to keep our councils running during this period of social distancing.

Ensuring that only duly qualified Brother Knights are accepted into such meetings, will be the responsibilities of the Council and the Council Officers.

1. Communicating with all Council members about a schedule meeting day, date and time.
2. Choose the right technology, preferably (Skype, Citrix GoToMeeting, Cisco WebEx). Please note that "Zoom", is not secured and not recommended.
3. Register Council members for the visual meeting.
4. Set Ground Rules.
5. Keep Meeting short and straight to the point.
6. Get Everyone Involved and engage on meeting day.

We are not only men of faith, but creative in our spirituality for the common good of all mankind. Soon we will have the opportunity once again, to enjoy physical gathering in the presence of the Holy Eucharist, for our meetings and fraternal activities.

Vivat Jesus!

Rufus Awharitoma
State Warden
Knight of Columbus Alberta/Northwest Territories.

From the Agency

By Marc Bouchard General Agent

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus, in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure, we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too. pride. That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of

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From the IPSD

By Ron J. Schuster

Worthy Brother Knights

Today, as I am writing this article for the State Affairs I can recall the first one I did years ago. It was about the health of my fellow Brother Knights and their families, pushing to gain new members into the Order, working with those who have signed up into a Council, but had not attended a meetings, or participated in any of the activities.

Well, not much has changed. The same issues are there except for one major issue. It is called COVID-19.

This virus has caused hardships through-out our Order in more ways than one. With not having meetings, we are not getting dues paid as a result of the hardship of Brother Knights being laid off from work or not being able to work because of businesses having to close their doors, staying at home to protect our families and friends. I can go on and on but I will leave it here.

The Program that our Supreme Knight launched "Leave No Neighbor Behind" is very self explanatory. He is asking us to reach out to our Brother Knights to see if any assistance is required. And so make sure their families are safe and healthy. Also reaching out to your Neighbor's living next door to you to make sure that they are okay along with their families. To care for those who are less fortunate than others. It is what we do as Brother Knights.

Our Priests have been under an enormous strain as a result of the Churches being closed for a great length of time but they NEVER forgot their flock. They did whatever had to be done to reach out to us to let us know we are not alone and that our Lord and Savior is with us at this time of need. They brought this message daily by way of virtual means and we must thank them for all they have done.

Now, our Parishes are slowly being opened to attend Masses, not like how we would like to see it done, but it is the best way to protect ourselves,

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From the Program Director

By Sal Ficaccio

Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Brother Knights, my wish is to find you all in good health including all your loved at this difficult time.

This Covid19 epidemic has brought many challenges within our daily lives including our faith.

Our faith has grown stronger, including the help to our fellows brothers and those less fortunate who are in need.

“The Leave No Neighbor Behind Program” gave us an opportunity to contact many of our Brother Knights and families and to give help as required.

Many of our Brother Knights were very grateful just to receive a phone call knowing that we care.

Be creative and think outside the box with our imaginative minds we can achieve wonderful results.

As stated in the last State Affair, that in order to achieve Star Council Award, Supreme Council has now made changes to the criteria please read and follow the attached information. On Page 11

Wishing you all the best, may the Good Lord keep you all safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

Sal Ficaccio
State Program Director

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We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it's been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things an advisor can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and you can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much-needed peace of mind in times like these.

For the name of your advisor you can call 403-343-2242 or email to bouchardagencymail@kofc.org

Stay safe.

Marc Bouchard, CFP, CLU, ChFC
General Agent AB/NWT

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I would like to take advantage of this opportunity, to thank all of you for your trust and confidence, in re-electing me as your State Deputy for another Columbian Year!

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were close to 1,000 workers at the Cargill plant who were severely affected. Upon receiving the request of the High River Council 9521, to provide grocery gift cards to the affected Filipino Brother Knights, I made a plea to the Alberta Charitable Foundation (ACF), at its Annual General meeting. A motion was duly passed and approved. As well, the State Board stepped up to the plate and extended a helping hand!

As if the COVID-19 pandemic is not enough to affect people's lives, a flood occurred on April 27, which severely damaged homes in Fort McMurray. I would like to commend the Supreme Council for its fast action, by releasing financial aid relief and grocery gift cards to our Brother Knights and parishioners.

As a sign of our mission of faith and action, we "Leave No Neighbor Behind!"

Even at this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is business as usual with the Knights of Columbus. The election of council officers must be held between May 15 to June 15. Come June 30, the following must be submitted: Report of Officers Chosen (#185) and Columbian Award Application (SP-7). Please double-check that all requirements for the Star Council Award have been met and that all forms have been accepted.

We are all facing a new normal! Last week, I attended the State Deputy's Organizational Meeting which was conducted virtually. This is usually done at the Supreme head office in New Haven, CT. I am still awaiting word from Supreme on how to conduct the District Deputies' Organizational meeting. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 138th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, scheduled in Washington, D.C., shall be convened virtually. More details to follow.

I always believe that we are all "Stewards of Faith and Action." This is who we are, this is what we are, this is what we do! Pope Francis reminds us:

"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do with my heart." To add, my late father's favorite quote from a Quaker Missionary, Etienne de Grellet: "I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now." The position of State Deputy sometimes is a lonely place and it carries a lot of responsibility. Yet, at the end of the day, it is rewarding, knowing that you try your best to do the job without any hidden agenda. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your trust and confidence. Furthermore, it is through each individual's effort, countless hours, and dedication towards our cause that "Stewards of Faith and Action" has successfully become a reality! All of you are appreciated beyond measure! To save the best for last, so to speak, to my family, children Stephanie and Richard, my beloved and soul-mate wife Ruby, for your never-ending support, inspiration, understanding, for helping me to get up when I am down, time and again, and love – from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Vince R. Reyes
State Deputy

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families, friends and fellow Parishioners. We will get to where we were but it will take time, one step at a time.

I would like to pray for you and your families during this time to stay safe, be careful, and have patience.

Our Lord will welcome us back together again.

God Bless you and your family.

Brother Ron Schuster
IPSD



State Deputy Vince Reyes (Left) is shown with District Deputy Stan Bartlett. Presenting Financial aid and gifts cards form Supreme Council and the Alberta/Northwest Territories State Council for flood victim in Fort McMurray.

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constraints that govern us. Incoming Financial Secretaries and Treasurers need to learn what their jobs entail to successfully execute their responsibilities. Councils may also need to update their Bank signing authorities to meet the requirements of Council bylaws and the Constitution.

At this this time I wish to thank you for your support this past Columbian year and look forward to servicing our jurisdiction as your State Treasurer for another year. Also, thank you to Shauna, for her assistance and keeping me on track with things that needed to be done.

Vivat Jesus!

John Onyskiw
State Treasurer

From the Charitable Foundation

By Willis Winter, President

Greetings to my Brother Knights. I pray that all are well in these pandemic times.

The Foundation Board of Directors held their second on-line meeting on May 2, 2020, one week before the State Convention was held on-line as well. The Board approved the Foundation's financial statements and considered the many requests received for donations. To date this year, we have approved \$ 79,000 in requests for funding. Our required disbursements for 2020 based on our long term capital are roughly \$ 103,000. The Foundation donated \$ 94,700 in 2019.

As of March 31, 2020, our portfolio's investments has a market value of \$2.903 million, an increase of 2.1% from March 31, 2019. Thanks to the conservative investment policy we follow, the portfolio grew modestly, despite the Toronto Stock exchange suffering its largest loss in 80 years in March 2020 (12%), We must ensure that the ACF has the funds on hand to meet its charitable obligations without dipping into its capital.

Thanks to the herculean efforts of Past President Wally Streit and the donations made by Councils and individuals, the Catch the Spirit Campaign has added about \$ 1 million to the ACF's portfolio. The campaign concluded earlier this year with a final reminder to all councils and individuals to complete their pledges.

The Foundation Directors made many visits to councils to share information about the Foundation's purpose, to explain how the Foundation obtains funds for charitable works, and to stress the importance of ongoing donations to the Foundation. We want to ensure all Knights are aware of the Founda-

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freedom and a lack of access to the Eucharist that we have experienced in these last few months. Brothers, there is something we need to hold in our hearts throughout this time, complete with the lost patience and lack of convenience among the many other abnormalities of our present situation. Our Lord and Saviour has never left us. He may not have seemed as present to us in the Mass and in our spiritual communions, but be assured He has been and always will be present to us.

Brothers, challenging as this time has been, the Church has been through far worse trauma's in the last two thousand years. Our Lord has never deserted or left His Church (meaning us, the Body of Christ) alone. The Church has always prevailed and will always prevail. Why? Because brothers, this is God's Church and He knows we need the Church to assist us on our pilgrim journeys to the Promised Land. There has been a ray of beautiful sunshine that has been very apparent to me this past week, as we began celebrating the Mass publicly with a maximum fifty-person congregation. It is the smile and the sparkle that I have seen in the eyes of those faithful as they have received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time in almost three months. I could not see beneath the mask, but I could see the smiling joy-filled eyes, above the mask. It brought joy to my heart to see people being reunited in a very physical way with their Lord and Saviour.

Brothers as we venture into our Alberta summer months, please be consoled. We have done what needed to be done to mitigate the corona virus. We are now moving in a positive direction, incremental steps forward, that we need to do right. We will get there my brothers. It may not be like it was, but it will be what the Lord has deemed that we need. My consolation this entire time has been that it is His Church and it is He that is in charge. May our Lord bless you and your families with a happy, healthy, and holy summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Jim Corrigan

State Chaplain

From the State Life Director

By Gregory Amerongen

Dear Brother Knights,

As all of you are fully aware, the provincial health safety regulations, endorsed and applied to the Catholic parishes and, as a result, Knights of Columbus events from meetings to fundraisers and unfortunately even our convention. Understandably and regrettably, major events like the Alberta March for Life could not occur.

Nonetheless, our pro-life activities will resume in due order, for that this pandemic, too, shall pass. Hence, confident in God to help us see this through, I look forward to our noble Order and dynamic Jurisdiction resuming its magnanimous activities for God, the Church, our brothers, neighbours, and the world through our charitable activities under the guidance of our esteemed bishops and capable State Board.

I commend all of you to God with prayers and hope for everyone to stay prudent, safe, and buoyant with the hope that Venerable Father McGivney entrusted to us as we carry the torch of Charity and to lift high the Cross that we bear for the Risen Lord.

Fraternally,

Brother Gregory Amerongen
Alberta-NWT State Life Director

The Natural Choice is Life

From the Columbia Director

By Gregory Amerongen

Dear Brother Knights,

As all of you are fully aware, the provincial health safety regulations, endorsed and applied to the Catholic parishes and, as a result, Knights of Columbus events from meetings to fundraisers and unfortunately even our State Convention. Understandably, submissions from Councils for the *Columbia* have also leveled off.

Nonetheless, some councils, I have heard, are holding online meetings. In any case, we can be sure that this pandemic, too, shall pass. Hence, confident in God to help us see this through, I look forward to our noble Order and dynamic Jurisdiction resuming its magnanimous activities for God, the Church, our brothers, neighbours, and the world through our charitable activities under the guidance of our esteemed bishops and capable State Board.

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Fraternally,

Brother Gregory Amerongen
Alberta-NWT State Columbia Chairman

From the Basketball Free Throw Chairman

By Ross Szentmiklossy

The Knights were unable to complete the Regional and Alberta champions in three of the five regions. The COVID-19 pandemic caused schools to close the week prior to the events. Edmonton, Grande Prairie and Calgary were forced to cancel their regionals.

The events may not be rescheduled this year as school will not open till the fall of 2020 and if gatherings of this size and touching of basketballs will be allowed. Interesting?

Vivat Jesus!
Ross Szentmiklossy,
State Basketball Chairman

From the State Pennies for Heaven Chairman

By Brian Strawford

My Blessed Easter to all my Brother Knights and their families.

Please keep your families safe in these troubling times, knowing God is with us at all times. I sure missed seeing you at our State Convention this year. We will all be together again as soon as is safe to safely do. For the Council's that were going to bring their donations for Pennies for Heaven for presentation, but were not able to. I Thank-you for staying home and being safe with your families.

For donations, please make chequers payable to the Alberta K of C State Council and mail to:

K of C State Council Office
#4, 5579 47 Street
Red Deer, AB T4N 1S1

Again by best Easter wish to you and your families.

Brian Strawford
Pennies for Heaven Chairman



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From the Community Director

By Ross Szentmiklossy

Wheelchair Program

A section of the community is KOfC Wheelchair program. The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation (CWF) is part of the global Wheelchair network.

The CWF has established a cost of \$195.00 per Wheelchair in container loads of 110 to 280 Wheelchairs. Delivery costs are up \$70.00 to \$90.00 range per chair. To keep costs down they are bulk freighted to various locations.

The cost of chairs delivered in Canada must now include the extra expense. The Knights Wheelchair Chairman North has chairs stored in his garage they include 3-16" and 2-20" remaining. The cost is \$225.00 each.

The main source of fund raising is by personal donations 9 donations of \$25.00 each makes \$225.00.

Special thanks to "Big Ed" council 7070 long haul trucker. He used to get a lot of free deliveries. He has gone to his ETERNAL REWARD, GOD bless him.

Councils/Assemblies are responsible for providing CWF with donor lists, name, address, amount, and phone number so appropriate tax amounts may be issued.

Vivat Jesus!
Richard Rajotte,
Wheelchair chairman North.

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tion and its work on their behalf. Once the lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic ends, we will resume these visits.

The Covid-19 pandemic has wrought a great many changes in our personal lives and in the economy. All of us have encountered changes that are unprecedented. Churches have been closed. Community recreation facilities, social groups, summer camps, and non-profit organizations of all stripes have been forced to close. Social isolation is keeping volunteers at home. Fund raising in support of charitable works has dried up.

Our Donations Chairman, Brother Wally Streit, is receiving more and more requests for donations. There is a huge need for assistance in our communities; it is a real challenge to decide which ones to help and which ones to forego. We can't help them all and are forced to limit the assistance we do provide.

The ACF Board is developing a new partnered giving program to assist and support Councils in their mission of charity within their local community. The recent and ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has intensified the need to provide support for worthy charities everywhere. Details on the partnered giving program will be announced in the next few months.

I hope that you will partner with the Alberta Charitable Foundation in extending works of charity throughout our jurisdiction.

Stay well.

Vivat Jesus!

Willis Winter,
President, Alberta Charitable Foundation

Star Council Checklist

Worthy Knights of Columbus Leaders,

The coronavirus pandemic impacted fraternal operations and activities. May councils that might have qualified for council awards may be unable to meet the criteria because of circumstances beyond their control.

Our goal is to recognize those councils that were on track for success before the crisis and those that are continuing fraternal operations despite pandemic restrictions. Accordingly, the following criteria revisions are instituted to make council awards more achievable in the current fraternal year:

(1) Columbian Award (Programs)

- Conduct at least 10 program activities (Reduced from 16)
- At least 2 =activities in each program category of Faith, Family community and life.
- At least a total of 2 additional activities in program categories of your choosing.
- The program categories no longer have specific “Required Programs”

(2) McGivney Award (Membership)

- Achieve Revised Membership Goal (40% reduction from original quota)

(3) Founders Award (Insurance)

- Host a virtual or in person benefits seminar with the field agent before June 30, or
- Achieve Revised Insurance Goal (50% reduction from original quota)

(4) Star Council Award

- Payment of Supreme assessments and per capita are not required
- All other Star Council requirements (report, safe environment, etc.) remain in effect

Note: We will discuss these revised criteria in detail during the next webinar this Thursday, April 30, at 8:00 PM EDT. Registration information will be sent separately.

The coronavirus pandemic greatly increased the need for charitable works. In challenging times, good leaders step forward and make great things happen. I encourage you to think outside of the box, be creative, and help others get through this terrible pandemic. Our **LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND** program is a great place to start making a difference.

Please do your best to achieve these revised criteria for council awards. The Supreme Council looks forward to recognizing your accomplishments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ANNUAL STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Details to follow.

STATE ANNUAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

**ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION CALGARY WESTIN HOTEL
(DOWNTOWN) APRIL 24, 25 & 26, 2020
CANCELLED**

(When applying for Athletic events, please use the specific form. Forms can be found in the GK Manual in Section F-1, pages 2-3.)

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We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers:

Please keep in your prayers the family of Brother Ross A. Fourney who passed away April 24 2020 in Edmonton.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*