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## TORONTO EASTERN ARCHDIOCESAN ZONE

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Eardley Adams



We are about to start a new Fraternal year 2021 - 2022 in less that one week, we have fought the good fight and we have run the race, we did the best we could, we learned what we did right and we plan to rectify the things we did not so well and we plan to do better in the weeks and months to come. So, brothers, let us pull up our boot straps and prepare for the next 12 months. Let's put Covid 19 behind us and start a fresh.

It's been a very challenging 2 years with few examples to follow, usually one chairman would ask the previous one, how did you do such and such? He would get an answer and the new Chairman would do the same. Not any more, this was due in large part to Covid-19 and all its twist, turns and protocols which effectively put an end to many of the regular meetings, the way to simply communicate with one another which drastically altered how we in fact live and work.

Nonetheless, we did not sit still, NO. Thanks to platforms like Zoom and MS Teams we persevered and we cut new ground, we made some changes on how we do business and how we communicate with our membership and without any outside support except with the diligence and sweat equity of my brothers on the Board, SK Schubert Restituto, Brother Philippe Yeung and Rev Fr Paul Magyar. We created a lot of firsts, we had to, if we were to continue to serve TEAZ which we were all committed to do. Here is a short list: (Continued on Page 2 ...)

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE Fr. Paul Magyar



As Catholics we are encouraged to be virtuous people. What is meant by a "virtue"? By catholic definition a virtue is an interior disposition, a positive habit, a passion that has been placed at the service of the good. Jesus says in Mt 5:6 "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." To live a virtuous life is to live a life that has meaning. This is why

blessed John Henry Newman once said, "fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."

We do not want to compare ourselves to others, rather we want to compare ourselves to ourselves yesterday. To become better people and accomplish what is good, we need a firm faith in God, and practice the virtues. This means developing within ourselves, with God's help, firm dispositions, not giving ourselves over to disorderly passions, and directing our intellect and free will more and more consistently toward the good. The 4 cardinal virtues, from the Latin "hinge" and "principal", are: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

Prudence is the ability to see and plan what one has to do and then looking back at what one has done. Fulfilling responsibilities and examining one's conscience at the same time.

Justice needs to be rooted in love and therefore it needs to be paired with mercy. Empathy, sympathy, gentleness and compassion paired with firmness.

Fortitude is the ability to sacrifice something of value in the present in order to make the future better for you, your family, society and your/their relationship with God. Parents sacrifice everyday for their children.

Temperance is moderation, to live a life not ruled by impulses. Saint Catherine of Siena once said: "For the valiant man, fortune and misfortune are like his right and left hands; he uses both."

Praying for all of you.

- Fr. Paul



Thank God for the gift of Canada ...

### Chairman's Message (continued from page 1)

**Accomplishments in 2019 to 2021** – As stated before, It has certainly been a very different year to manage and administer but with the assistance of the TEAZ Board Members we not only accomplished the task but we moved the organization further by being the first in many areas:

We were the First to have an East Zone Chaplain / The First to have a Zoom Meeting / The First to have E-transfer / The First to have a monthly Bulletin; Through the Bulletin we were the first to Promote Ontario Councils whose initiatives are celebrated in the Columbia Magazine / we promote the Fraternal Leaders Advisory / we Promote Monthly Training by Supreme / we Promote past and future Webinars and more; The First Zone to have Virtual Training and we held a Beatification Mass to celebrate Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney to mention but a few and also a great many spiritual initiatives. I believe we have served TEAZ well, but you be the Judge.

New slate of Officers for TEAZ – I want to encourage other members in our TEAZ community to step-up and accept a role as an Officer. If you do, you will be surprised how this will enrich your understanding of the Knights of Columbus and put you in contact with some very interesting people. This alone will increase your confidence as a Knight, your understanding of the Order and your ability to be a better leader for any position you choose to take on from that day forward. Be the leader you were meant to be.

**TEAZ Awards and Recognition:** As a Zone, the East Zone did remarkably well in spite of the pandemic and the cancellation of various projects involving the schools. We were all saddened to not include the school children and students in the Drug and Alcohol Arts program, the Essay contest and the Basketball Free Throw. The Zone did, as I said earlier, remarkably well and collected approximately 15% of all Awards in various categories.

**Residential School for Indigenous Children:** We are all heartbroken at the very sound of the words Residential Schools because it conjures thoughts of Indigenous children being mistreated and worse. Brothers if you are in a council with an indigenous community, show them that we care for them, make a special effort to embrace their culture let them know with kindness and generosity that we care for them and we abhor what occurred.

June 26, 2021 - TEAZ Meeting Take Away: My sincere thanks to the Guest Speakers for their contribution to the Meeting they are: Fraternal Benefits General Agent SK Michael Mullin, Regional Training Director SK Wayne Fink, Ontario State BBFT Chairman SK Anthony Viresi / Ontario State Wheelchair Global Mission Chairman SK Francisco Naar / Ontario State Christian Refugee Relief Director SK Hikmat Dandan / Ontario State Information Director SK Jerry Hayes / Ontario State Warden (Elect) SK Henry Miller / Worthy Ontario State Treasurer (Elect) Bruce Poulin / Worthy Ontario State Deputy (Elect) SK Marcel Lemmen / Worthy Ontario State Deputy SK David Peters.

It is worth mentioning there were 49 attendees and it's the largest group at a Zoom meeting yet. My thanks to you all for attending. Please pass the information on to the members who did not attend, do let them know what they missed.

Coming out of the meeting there are some note worthy matters to keep in mind. We have this from State that the Safe Environment requirement are to be made much tighter as it relates to 'Any Brother Knight' who wishes to help or assist at any activity involving minors, will need to have a local Police Check. This will have a trickle-down affect on the Council / District and Regional Basketball Free Throw competition and any other programs involving minors. The State Board has taken charge of this matter and pledge to keep us all in the loop. More information to follow in July / August stay tuned.

**Training Calendar for July 2021 is attached.** All Council Officers please check out the Training available to you. See attached.

Panama, Here we come. Sir Knight Francisco Naar is and has been the go-to guy for the Ontario State Wheelchair Global Mission for the last 10 years. He has been Chairman of this for as long as I have known him. He is so committed to this cause that he not only chairs the project; he also actually delivers the wheelchairs to the destination and he has been doing this for years. When he speaks of his involvement with this project, you know he is All-In, it is reflected in his speech, his demeanour and emotion. He has made a painful decision to give up the Chairman role to start a new National Council for the Knights of Columbus in Panama. On behalf of the entire TEAZ Community I wish to extend to SK Francisco Naar our heart felt thanks, our congratulations and our most sincere best wishes in his endeavour in Panama. May God bless you Francisco and provide you all the guidance you need.

Vivat Jesus,

Eardley Adams

#### IMPORTANT AND USEFUL LINKS FOR YOU:

https://cache.webcasts.com/content/citr003/1367879/content/583c787caaf6e83d930f542f586f8e88fedc6546/Best%20Practices%20for%20In-Person%20Exemplifications.pdf

- Beatification of Fr. McGivney kofc.org/beatification
- Video: Miracle Confirmed by the Vatican
- Father McGivney Guild
- https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html
- Ceremonials Webpage kofc.org/ceremonials
- Past and Future Webinars kofc.org/webinar
- Register Now: Nov. 19 Webinar Cultivating Parish Success: Investing in Key Relationships
- Past Fraternal Leader Advisories

### MESSAGE FROM OUR FIELD AGENTS

Knights of Columbus Term Insurance Coverage: What is it?

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It's simple and straightforward.

Who needs it?

Knights of Columbus term life insurance may be an ideal solution for people with time-bound financial obligations who are interested in:

- Protecting your young family on a tight budget.
- Shielding your family against the remaining payments on your mortgage, so that they aren't drowning in debt or forced to move if you die unexpectedly.

- Supplementing or replacing your income in case you die, so that your family can continue to live with the same level of financial comfort that they did when you were alive
- Providing funds for your children's college education in case of the unexpected.
- Enabling your loved ones to pay off your personal debt like credit card or auto loan debt – should you pass away suddenly.

How does it work?

Knights of Columbus term insurance is designed to provide you with a maximum amount of coverage at affordable and competitive rates

Unlike permanent insurance, term insurance is temporary, and is designed to expire as your financial obligations expire. Our term insurance rates are guaranteed for the life of your policy, as is the amount of money that would be paid to your family should you pass away.

Very Important - Term insurance is also convertible. Depending on how you and your Knights of Columbus field agent customize your term insurance policy, you can convert some or all of your insurance to permanent coverage at a later date, without providing further proof of insurability. So, if your health changes and you have an active term policy, you can secure permanent coverage that you may have otherwise have been denied.

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### **FAITH IN ACTION MATTERS**

## Churches Increase Capacity as Ontario Enters Stage Two: Archdiocese of Toronto, June 30, 2021

Starting today (Wednesday, June 30, 2021), the Province of Ontario enters Stage Two of its re-opening plan.

As of this morning:

- All Masses, baptisms, first Communions, confirmations and weddings can permit up to 25 per cent of capacity along with six feet of physical distancing
- Overflow rooms can now be used on Saturdays and Sundays with up to 25 per cent of capacity and six feet of physical distancing
- Meetings in parish halls can now meet with up to five people at a time along with physical distancing and essential meetings, such as twelve-step programs, can now meet with up to 10 people along with physical distancing
- The dispensation from Sunday obligation continues and those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 are encouraged to exercise caution when leaving home
- Livestreamed Masses will still be offered in dozens of parishes across the archdiocese
- Funerals are limited to 75 people, in accordance with the direction from the Bereavement Authority of Ontario

All WorshipSafe procedures remain in place and your parish will continue to use the same booking procedures.

Thankfully, over the past several weeks, there has been a great reduction in COVID-19 cases across much of Ontario. We pray that this trend continues, so we will be able to safely fully re-open our churches soon. For us knights of Columbus, we can start planning on how best to serve our parishes as we progress to Stage 3.

## THE VATICAN

From the 19th century until the 1970s, more than 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend state-funded Christian boarding schools in an effort to assimilate them into Canadian society. Thousands of children died there of disease and other causes, and many were never returned to their families.

Nearly three-quarters of the 130 residential schools were run by Roman Catholic missionary congregations, with others operated by Presbyterians, Anglicans and the United Church of Canada, which today is the largest Protestant denomination in the country.

In recent weeks, investigators using ground-penetrating radar have reported finding hundreds of unmarked graves at the sites of three residential schools for Indigenous children. The discoveries – more than 600 graves at one school, 215 bodies at another – have revived calls, including from the prime minister, Justin Trudeau, for the pope to make a formal apology.

The government formally apologized for the policy and abuses in 2008. The Presbyterian, Anglican and United churches have apologized for their roles in the abuse.

Pope Benedict XVI, who retired in 2013, met some former students and victims in 2009 and told them of his "personal anguish" over their suffering, but he offered no apology.

Pope Francis has apologized for the sins and crimes committed by the Catholic church against Indigenous peoples during the colonialera conquest of the <u>Americas</u>. He begged forgiveness during a 2015 visit to Bolivia and in the presence of Indigenous groups, suggesting that a similar in-person mea culpa could be in the offing in December.

Pope Francis has agreed to meet Indigenous survivors of Canada's notorious residential schools in December, amid calls for a papal apology for the Catholic church's role in the abuse and deaths of thousands of children. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) said Francis had invited delegations to the Vatican and would meet three groups – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – separately before presiding over a final audience with all three.

(source: The Guardian, June 30, 2021)

#### TEAZ BULLETIN

There will be no August 2021 TEAZ Bulletin. The next issue will be produced in September 2021. However we will continue to circulate any important announcements through email.

Enjoy your summer ... stay health and be safe!

- TEAZ Team

### **COUNCIL and ASSEMBLY MATTERS**

As we start a new fraternal year, some reports are required to be submitted at both Supreme and State levels:

# REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR THE TERM – FORM 185

Due by June 30<sup>th</sup>; PDF version is available, but Supreme prefers online submission or through Member Management

### OFFICERS CHOSEN – FORM SO 185

Due by July 1<sup>st</sup> (to Ontario State Council) email to <a href="stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca">stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca</a>

# SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT – FORM 365

Due by August 1st

PDF available, but Supreme prefers online submission or through Member Management

Five required positions:

Program Director, Family Director, Community Director, Membership Director, Retention Director.

Don't worry if you can't fill all the positions right away – you can always file additional forms as the positions are filled

# COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION – FORM SP7

Due by June 30<sup>th</sup>

PDF version available, but Supreme prefers online submission or through Member Management

Only ten programs required to qualify

Two programs in each category plus an additional two programs in any category

Only check the Featured Program check box if you have met the Featured Program minimum requirements

# 2021-2022 FRATERNAL LEADER SUCCESS PLANNER

The English-language, French-language, and Spanish-language 2021-2022 Fraternal Planner (#5033) is now available as a PDF download online. Copies of the Fraternal Planner are being mailed to each council.

### TEAZ CONTACT UPDATES

Council No.

DGK

To District Deputies: As we have just had our election of officers, please provide contact details to TEAZ via SK Eardley Adams or SK Schubert Restituto:

Names	Email Address	Tel. No
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Council Name

### STATE AND SUPREME MATTERS

### **CANADIAN TRAINING MENU**

Thank you to those who have joined us for training coming from our Canadian training "Menu".

Please be advised that these trainings are LIVE AND INTERACTIVE. You can ask questions and the presenters will answer in real time.

[The "July Menu" is attached to this Bulletin].

Your Canadian Supreme Fraternal Mission team has now concluded the July "Menu" for your use. This "Menu" is intended to assist your officers and/or members in their training needs from the comfort of their homes, via computer, laptop, phone or tablet.

New Feature. In the Menu you will find many GoToWebinar live links (they will have the word "register" in the link).

Recommendation: Click today on the links of training that you are interested attending. Once you register, the system will then be set to send you reminders prior of the set time and date. This way, you will not miss important training that you are interested attending.

Some members have indicated having issues when trying to log in. After some review, we found out that the members were typing the links in, the links are live which means you just click on it from the document.

In closing, as a reminder, Free Online membership with Promo code, MCGIVNEY2020 via www.kofc.org/joinus Thank you for all that you are doing for the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Alain Cayer Territorial Growth Director – Canada

## COME, PRAY WITH US ...

### IN MEMORIAM

We remember those who have died and have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, especially our family and council/assembly members for whom we now pray.

May they find in God's presence light, peace and happiness.

SK Cesar Fernandez BCPG Assembly 2113 PGK, Maharlika Council 7488

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...for our sick council and family members

For the complete healing and recovery of our brothers or family
members who are sick, may they feel God's presence and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.