

Diocesan Association e-mail Bulletin, Archdiocese of Kingston: Update Feb. 1, 2016

Diocesan Association Executive "Elect".

On January 16 our Annual Diocesan Association Meeting was held in Kingston with a lower than normal turnout due to the bad weather that night before. Near the end of the meeting nominations and election of Diocesan Association officers for the 2016-2017 fraternal year was conducted. The results are: newly elected Director Andrew McAdoo, re-elected Treasure Dale Tuepah, re-elected Secretary/Recorder Ray Smith, re-elected Trustee/Training Director Garry Davis and newly elected trustee/Vocations Director Ian Moore. These officers will assume their new mandate effective July 1 2016. Congratulations to them all.

UHKF Campaign Seeks Our Knight's Support:

At the Annual Meeting our members heard from two speakers Dennis Cummings Executive Director, and Nicole Pierce Associate Director Major Gifts of the University Hospital Kingston Foundation (UHKF) spoke about a new camping through the greater Kingston area and beyond to our archdiocese area which is served by our regional hospitals. They thanked the Knights for supporting them many years ago during a major capital campaign. This current campaign is mostly focused on outfitting and equipment several institutions including a Providence Care new facility now under construction. The Providence Care facility is incorporating the former (closing) St Mary's, medium term care, and the Psychiatric Hospital, Kingston. Others are General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital and Providence Manor. Providence Manor is a long term, faith based care facility which is not able to be re-licensed at in its current location due to building age issues and so it is necessary to rebuild a new facility which is to be located on property under The Sisters of Providence of St Vincent DePaul. The speakers described the services each hospital provides and some of their needs going forward and asked our Knights to consider supporting the new campaign, particularly supporting the building of the New Providence Manor facility. The level of support hoped for would be \$50,000.00 over a period of several years.

After the speakers left our members discussed the presentations and their request. A general consensus from the members was that most all Knights would want to support our Catholic faith based facility to rebuild Providence Manor and we should ask all our councils and assemblies to consider supporting the UHKF campaign in a 3, 4, or 5 year pledge. Each council and assembly would decide themselves what level of support they could make.

In the months ahead, our association will seek opportunities to disseminate more information about this need and to discuss with various councils what is possible.

Some Upcoming Degrees

- March 5, 2016 3rd Degree 1 pm at St Mary's Catholic School, Brockville. Contact D.D. Rick Fraser. Candidates register 45 min. earlier.

- May 15, 2016 3rd Degree 2 pm at St Paul the Apostle Church Hall, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd., Kingston.
Candidates register 45 min. earlier.

- May 27 & 28, 2016 4th Degree Kingston. Contact S.K. Garry Davis for more information.

Brothers, if you have a degree scheduled in your area, why not help communicate it to other districts and councils so members know where to get advanced in their degrees. Let our webmaster Ray Smith know and he will post any degrees you have scheduled on our diocesan association website for all to see. Also we can put it into the upcoming e-bulletins going out to all our member councils and assemblies.

February Youth Activates Competitions...An Update:

Most youth activities have finished council level completions, have finished their district level completions and still have to complete the regional or diocesan level completions in February. Check below the contact and where the regional completions are being conducted so your youth winners can complete at the regionals and perhaps go on to the Ontario State completions in March.

Youth Activity:	Regional Chair:	Contact Phone #	Regional Completion Date/Deadline
Squires	Gus Morrissey	613 969 9506	
Special Olympics	Dennis Keefe	613 483 5552	See Dennis Keefe message below regarding hosting a flag relay across Ontario and ready schedule in our Districts
Substance Abuse Poster Contest	William Coppens	613 634 0375	Feb 13, 2016 the deadline for District competition winning posters to be delivered with reports to Coppens Academy, 672 Golden Mile Road, Kingston K7M 6K6 att. W. Coppens
Basketball Free Throw Completion	Rick Frazer	613 802 8765	Feb 20, 2016 Brockville (St Mary's CSS) Competition starts at 10:45 am
Essay Competition	Peter Scott	613 545 4052	Deadline is March 4, 2016, Kingston contact Peter Scott for shipping details or questions.
Christmas Poster Contest	Stephen Dillabough	613 601 8925	
Soccer Challenge	vacant		Still looking for volunteer to char this activity

January & February Special Olympics Flag Relay

Brother Knights, this year the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a flag relay across Ontario leading up to the summer games in Guelph Ontario May 27/28/29, 2016, I would hope that each Council and District will help out in this worthy cause. Note the following schedule of relay dates that Flag 4 travels through Districts 30, 57, 20, 93, 73 and 3 in our

Archdiocese. Additional information files can be viewed on our diocesan website under Special Olympics of contact Dennis Keefe, Regional Chairmen., Special Olympics

Flag 4 – Kingston/Peterborough/Toronto Dates

1. District 30 - Smith Falls (January 4 to 10)
2. District 57 - Prescott (January 11 to 17)
3. District 20 - Kingston (January 18 to 24)
4. District 93 - Kingston (January 25 to 31)
5. District 73 - Belleville (February 1 to 7)
6. District 03 - Trenton (February 8 to 14)
7. District 48 - Colburg (February 15 to 21)

March 19 a Men's Conference in Toronto

We have been asked to bring to your attention a wonderful men's conference called ***Band of Christian Brothers*** being held in Toronto on Saturday March 19, 2016. Two outstanding speakers will talk. Matt Fradd: *"God, the Universe and Everything"* and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers: *"Clothed and in His Right Mind: Reclaiming the Heart of the Spiritual Man"*. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins is celebrating the Mass and Homely.

We have attached a conference poster and more information so you may read more details about the speakers and the conference. This conference specifically is for men. Perhaps some councils have a few members that would like to attend this conference alone or together as a group? Also, note that St Mary's Cathedral, Kingston is sponsoring a bus for this event that will leave at 6 am March 19 and return by 9 pm. If you like to go with the St Mary's group register (\$39) and reserve and pay for your seat (\$38) for your bus seat contact alyng@cogeco.ca Total \$77).

March 20 to 26 Holy Week:

Palm Sunday March 20, thru the Passion of our Lord ending with Good Friday March 25.

March 27 Easter Sunday:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2016 National March for Life:

Will your council and assemblies be represented this year in this annual march and showing commitment and solidarity for the right to life? Annually thousands of citizens young and old rally on Parliament Hill to raise their voice for life especially the most vulnerable in our society. Hundreds of these citizens are Knights of Columbus from all over Ontario, many who have traveled many hours to attend. And hundreds more, are school children, especially high school children who travel by bus and car from as far away as Windsor and London to attend. This year it is hoped that all councils and all assemblies organize a bus load or several car loads of brother knights and their families to march with us. This year why not help students from your local secondary school attend the march as well.

Events of April 12 are as follows: 10:00 pm several catholic churches offer mass, some in English, some in French. 12:00 noon people gather on Parliament Hill and hear speeches from organizers and parliamentarians, 1:30 pm the main march begins through the streets of Ottawa and ends back on the Hill an hour later. More details can be found on the internet searching March for Life, Ottawa.

April 22, 23, 24, and 2016 Ontario State Convention:

Held at the International Plaza Hotel, Toronto. Every Council has two votes at the convention. Has your council determined your delegate(s) to send to represent your interests?

May 27, 28 Exemplification of the Fourth Degree:

Host Assembly 857 is hosting an exemplification of the Fourth Degree at St Lawrence Collage, Kingston. Assemblies should have all the particulars regarding registration of their candidates and members and spouses to the exemplification ceremony, dinner and accommodations options. Any questions please contact SK Garry Davis 613 384 3463 or e-mail gdavis24@cogeco.ca

June 18, 2016 Officer Training Day:

Again this year our Diocesan association Officer training Day will be held at Regiopolis Notre Dame Catholic High School, Kingston. Mark this date on your calendar and ensure your council election of officers are elected before this date and all officers asked to attend this training seminar to learn much how a council functions, learn more about their office and to help all others present about their roles.

July 1, 2016 New Fraternal Year:

The first day of the new fraternal year in our organization of knights of Columbus. Our reaffirmed or newly elected or appointed leadership take over from the previous offices of Council, Assembly, District Diocesan Association or State Council. A passing or the reigns and new beginnings.

August 2,3,4 The 134th Supreme Convention, Toronto :

This year the Supreme Convention is held in Toronto. Want to go, want to help? Check with your District Deputy about opportunities how you may be able to help and participate in this convention. This is a huge international event for our Knights of Columbus organization and due to the number of delegates selected it is difficult for locals to get to the formal events; but State councils is seeking helpers which can give volunteers a chance to play a helpful role.

August 7 2016 Annual Seminarian Dinner, South Mountain:

This year South Mountain Council 11725 is hosting the Annual Diocesan Association Seminarian Dinner. Plans are well underway and tickets to this event are now being distributed to association councils and assemblies. Many received their tickets at the annual association meeting a few weeks ago. If you have not received your tickets or are sure you need more please contact Wayne Moore at seminariandinner2016@outlook.com .

Want something in the next January e-mail Bulletin?
William Coppens through e-mail lcoppens@cogeco.ca

Degrees? Upcoming events? Contact