



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

5 September 2019

Worthy Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators of the Archdiocese of Kingston

Thank you for your willingness to serve your brother Knights in a leadership role. My responsibilities as the Diocesan Director for the Archdiocese of Kingston, Knights of Columbus Diocesan Association officially began 1 July. It sounds grander than it is. In fact no one else was interested; thus, I stepped forward and was acclaimed. That reflects the lethargic level of interest within the Knights of the Archdiocese.

There are currently 26 councils and five 4th degree assemblies across the Archdiocese. Participation in the two semi annual meetings has been embarrassingly low. There are very few vibrant council and several that are on life support. I met with Archbishop Mulhall and discussed how together we could motivate all parishes within the Archdiocese to welcome a Knights presence.

The Diocesan Association has regularly sponsored an annual Seminarian Dinner, this year's event is was held 11 August at Our Lady of Fatima. As no council stepped forward an individual Knight volunteered to coordinate as host. Reformatted from previous versions it received direct assistance from Fr Jan, the three seminarians, Brother Ian Moore our Vocations Trustee and Nadia Gundert, the youth director from the Archdiocese office. Over 200 attended and everyone left happy except for a few who showed up expecting a mass, refusing to believe or ignoring information that it was not part of the program this year.

In trying to invigorate the Diocesan Association and its support to the Archdiocese of Kingston, I look forward to brain storming some opportunities that might bring Knights and clergy together in collaboration on how the Order, through local councils, can better serve and support.

Knowing that the two semi annual meetings have historically been held on weekends with mediocre attendance, I am in collaboration with the Archbishop to do things a bit different. I anticipate that the next meeting will be a weekday afternoon which may be difficult for some GK and FNs, but there are likely engaging retired members who can represent the your Council/Assembly's interest.

I plan to meet again with the Archbishop in September, following which I will share the details for the Diocesan Association meeting. You can expect it to be in two parts. Part 1 is the invite with necessary details for Part 2 and as much background information as can be gathered for pre-release. The aim is to get you as much information in your hands as timely as possible. If you have any specific question that I should research in advance of the meeting please send them in a quick note.

If there is no questions regarding that then time during Part 2 will be focused on actual discussion.

Part 2 - Date time to be confirmed but aiming for a weekday, 1PM to 3.30 PM
location - Kingston, Building to be confirmed

current rough agenda

1.PM opening comments and introductions

1.15 PM Archbishop and clergy go to side room for discussion, Knights official reports complete

2.PM All gather to focus on a discussion workshop on what the Clergy and the Archbishop's vision of K of C support within the Archdiocese and Parishes.

The most glaring observation I have from watching from afar, is the lack of timely or accurate information sharing. It is not appropriate for the Diocesan Association to be sending information direct to every Knight although they can search on the www.kdknights.ca website. If what you need is not there, tell me so we can add it. We will continue to rely on GKs and FNs to receive and share relevant information to all their members. Emails are an easy way for me to send out mass information, but it may not be the best way for you to receive. So you tell me your preferred method of communication that will keep you engaged. The options are email, Canada Post mail, text, face time, telephone, and/or face to face in person when the opportunity exists.

You can contact me

by email director@kdknights.ca it will forward to me and I will respond

Canada Post Pete Scott, 2754 Battersea Rd RR2, Inverary ON K0H 1X0

text 613.817.5353 (quiet time no response is 9PM to 9AM)

phone, 613.817.5353. (quiet time no response is 9PM to 9AM)

Facebook chat (by arrangement)

FaceTime, (by arrangement)

Face to Face (by appointment)

twitter (useless for a conversation but if you wish to follow posts, @kdknightsca

In order to work together in unity and fraternity in support of Archbishop Mulhall, we need to be communicating effectively and timely. If during the next year we can improve communications I will consider it wonderful progress. I look forward to your cooperation and helping you be successful in your appointments anyway I can.

I have enclosed the official objectives of the Diocesan Association on page 3 for your reference.

Vivat Jesus

Peter Scott

Diocesan Director.

To serve as the official link between the Bishops, Clergy and all the Councils,Assemblies and Circles within the Diocese by enhancing the order through united, fraternal, charitable and patriotic works

To serve as the official link between the Bishop and his Clergy and all Councils and Assemblies within the boundaries of a Diocese.

b.To increase among the Councils and Assemblies a greater belonging, solidarity and visibility within the diocese and the parishes.

c.To work in collaboration with the Priests of the Diocese to promote the message of Vocations.

d.To work closely with the District Deputies, Grand Knights, Masters, Faithful Navigators, and Squires to increase unity among the Councils, Assemblies and Squires Circles within the diocese.

e.To elect delegates to the Supreme Convention based upon the regional boundary where applicable.

f.To coordinate and conduct/organize seminars for officer training, new council development and membership training.

g.To provide a forum to present important diocesan charitable needs.

h.To enhance the Order by being charitable, united, FRATERNAL and patriotic.

i.To keep Councils informed of the dates when Degrees are being held within the Diocese/ Zone. To encourage and support all degrees within the Diocese and/or Zone preferably through the use of a website.

j.To appoint regional chairmen for State Programs within the Diocese/Zone

k.To promote membership and new council development/parish round tables within the Diocese/ Zone and to promote State/Supreme programs within the Diocese/Zone.

l.To open a line of communications with the other Diocesan Associations