

Provincial Congress at QE Hotel in Montréal



State officers, regional directors, district deputies, state and regional program officers, and subordinate council officers met at the annual congress held on April 14-16, 2013 at the Queen Elizabeth hotel in Montréal. Several resolutions impacting the Knights of Columbus constitution were passed during the opening plenary session on Friday evening and subsequently forwarded to the supreme council for study. The entire state executive was returned by acclamation during the elections held Saturday morning. A cheque for \$65,000 was also presented to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada at the banquet on Saturday evening.



First Degree Initiations in District 91

Eight candidates drawn from two councils in district 91 were initiated into the Knights of Columbus at a first degree ceremony conducted by St. Malachy council 14315 on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Our Lady of the Philippines council 13585 added three new members and the host council added five new members to its roster. Laurentian council 6497 and the host council each had one candidate initiated at a ceremony hosted by Our Lady of the Philippines council 13585 in the St. Thomas social hall on Saturday, April 27, 2013.



SK Bernardo Raquepo Named State Columbian Personality of Month



KofC Council 13881 1-year trustee SK Bernardo Raquepo has been selected as the state Columbian Personality of the Month for April. His profile was featured in the monthly state publication L'Étendard. Bernardo was born in the Philippines in 1941

and first joined KofC Council no. 5774 at Most Holy Trinity in Balic-Balic Sampaloc Manila in 1985 and then did his 4th degree in Ferdinand Magellan Province (Philippines district no. 4) in 1989 before becoming active again in 2005 at St. Kevin's and San Lorenzo Ruis assembly no. 3103 of Champlain Province Québec. He is married to Josephine Orcilla and they have 4 children, Mar Raquepo is an accounting graduate, June Raquepo is an engineer, Carmela Raquepo is in business management, and Jonard Raquepo, a first degree knight, is an electronics graduate. Before coming to Canada Bernardo was a general contractor.

Protecting Your Income

Father McGivney faced a major struggle in 1882. How could one determined man in St. Mary's Church possibly keep up with the needs of the families around him, who were under constant stress after losing their breadwinner?

Remember, conditions back then were quite different than they are today. Hard working Catholic men faced long hours in dangerous, unsanitary jobs. Deaths and injuries were common. Catholics were excluded from unions, and faced other discrimination. There were no advocate groups speaking on their behalf, no social welfare programs providing assistance in the case of an emergency. Today, there are laws and organizations, like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in the U.S. or the Centre for Occupational Health and Safety in Canada, that protect workers from the situations that were prevalent in 1882, and there are programs designed to provide temporary assistance to a family in need, if a tragedy occurs.

While most jobs are safer now, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a recent study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income. Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you cannot afford to not know about this coverage. Please contact fraternal counselor SK John Casey at (514) 952-1891 or jcasey@johncaseymarketing.com for more information.

Calendar

- Apr. 28 - Monthly general meeting
- May 4 - 2nd & 3rd degree initiation at council 284
- May 18 - 1st degree initiation at St. Thomas
- May 18 - Dinner / dance party at St. Kevin's
- May 24 - 1st degree initiation at council 284
- May 26 - Monthly general meeting

Birthdays

- Apr. 3 - Boris Polanski
- Apr. 5 - Norberto Quitain
- Apr. 6 - Arthur Antonio
- Apr. 10 - John Alea
- Apr. 11 - Marietto Tolentino
- Apr. 24 - Billy Garibay
- Apr. 29 - Jackson Ventura

Family of the Month



Rommel Medina with wife Michelle Esteban and daughter Rochelle-Anne

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