

## **Chris Bencharski- Immediate Past State Deputy**

### **- Fourth Degree Master- District of Saskatchewan**

Chris joined the Meadow Lake Knights of Columbus in 1984 and has served the council in various positions including 5 years as Grand Knight.

At the district level, he served 5 1/2 years as DD and received Star District 3 times and one All-Star District. He has also served for 3 years as N.W. Regional Membership Director.

In 1991, Chris and Pat and their 3 children were selected as Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus State Family of the Year.

At the State level, Chris served as State Council Director, State Church Activities Director, State Charity Appeal Chairman and State General Program Director, as well as 2 years in each position as State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary, State Deputy, and presently, serves in his second year as Immediate Past State Deputy.

Chris is a Fourth Degree member of Meadow Lake Assembly #2752 and served 3 years as the Charter Faithful Navigator from 2002- 2005. He has served in various Colour and Honor Guard duties for various functions in the past 25 years and organized 2 Fourth Degree Exemplifications for the Meadow Lake Assembly to grow the numbers of the Assembly. Chris was appointed as Master of the Fourth Degree, District of Saskatchewan effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Chris and Pat have served in various ministries in their parish during the last 41 years. Chris' community involvement includes Past President of several community organizations including the Nordic Ski Club, Winter Festival, Hockey and Softball Coach and Commissionaire, Sask. Summer Games Committee, Boy Scout and Cub leader for 15 years and is a founding Co-President of the Meadow Lake Right to Life Group.

After 30 years of teaching and also serving as principal in Rapid View, Sask., Chris retired and started two small businesses, Meadow River Market Garden and Meadow Lake Overhead Door Services which he and Pat still operate.

Chris and Pat have one son Michael (age 36), 2 daughters Jaimie-(age 34) married to Chase Sabot and Karen- (age 32) married to Shane Selinger. They have 4 grandsons—Roman Sabot (8) and Tyson Sabot (5), Corbin Selinger (3) and Cohen Selinger (1). Chris is married to his beautiful wife Pat for 41 years. Chris and Pat enjoy gardening, travelling, camping, hunting, fishing, visiting friends, doing volunteer work and spoiling their 4 grandsons.

In the two years as State Deputy, Chris and his team were the First Jurisdiction in Canada to achieve the Canada Cup for two consecutive years. Saskatchewan also achieved Circle of Honor for 2 consecutive years in which he was State Deputy. Saskatchewan also received the Jean B.

Migneault trophy for achieving the highest percentage of intake in Canada at 122.4% in his first year as State Deputy.

Chris presently serves as Immediate Past State Deputy on the State Board, serves on the Saskatchewan Charitable Foundation Board as iPSD, and was appointed by Supreme as Master of the Fourth Degree in Sask. effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.