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Provincial Past President Communique # 1

Dear Sisters in the League and Father John Garden,

I am writing this in my new role as past president and I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to have been your provincial president and for the support that you gave me. It was a real pleasure and great experience. I met many new friends and got the opportunity to renew old friendships.

Welcome to the new past presidents, Victoria and Laurel who recently completed their productive terms as president for the Nelson and Victoria dioceses, and welcome back experienced past presidents Diane, Sylvia D, and Barbara. Whitehorse as yet has no past president. Carol is still holding down the fort as president. We need to pray that someone will come forward to take on the president's position so Carol can assume the coveted position.

The role of the past president is consultative and advisory.
You will find the following in the handbook for Past presidents:

DUTIES of the PAST PRESIDENT

The past president shall

- serve the council and president in a consultative capacity
- be responsible for the archives and history of the council
- Facilitate and encourage the study and implementation of the Constitution & Bylaws

The past president should:

- advise the president when called upon
- encourage members to become knowledgeable about the Constitution & Bylaws
- respond to questions related to the Constitution and Bylaws
- refer to communiques and/or annual reports from all levels
- file with recording secretary a copy of monthly and annual reports
- be responsible for reviewing annually the council's manual of policy and procedure for any needed additions, deletions and corrections, all changes must be brought to the executive for approval before amending the manual
- be responsible for forwarding to national office proposed revisions to the National Manual of Policy and Procedure by December 1st of each year
- monitor / review the National Manual of Policy and Procedure and council manual.

Archival tips

The past president should

- prepare an archival index of all materials
- arrange for the safe storage of archival material

- preserve the council history through scrapbooks, photograph albums and minutes

In Fran Lucas' communique #2, she states that a new publication of the League's Constitution & Bylaws will be published once the changes have been reviewed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which will be by December 2023. Councils are encouraged to purchase copies for their executives from the national office at the minimum price, The National Policy and Procedure will also be updated.

I am looking forward to the next two years to journey with you. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all of our decisions.