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Brother as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child let us take time to reflect on the first half of our Columbian year. We just finished our Mid-Year meetings in Gander, December 1 – 3. Our meetings were very successful with all Brother Knights having a great weekend and taking part in discussions on our successes to date and plans for the remainder of the year. Plans are well underway for our 100th Convention that will take place April 27 – 29, 2018 at the Capital Hotel in St. John's. In honor of our 100th Convention we are aiming for the Circle of Honor for our jurisdiction this year. I am pleased to inform you that as of December 11th our membership growth stood at 54, our goal for the year is 150, we are just over one third of the way there. With your continued hard work, I am sure we will reach our goal.

Your State Board has put new membership incentives in place for the next two months to encourage continued growth in membership. From now until February 14, 2018 any member recruiting a new member will receive \$50 for the first member recruited and \$25 for each additional member recruited, this includes reinstatements. Please inform all of your members of this new incentive.

In addition to the State Incentives Supreme Council has continued it incentive of forgiving half of the annual supreme assessment for any council that reaches Star Council status. The equates to \$4.50 per member. Also, any member recruiting a new member from December 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 will have his name entered into a lottery where 10 individuals will be drawn randomly, and each name drawn will win an all-expenses paid trip to Dublin, Ireland to attend the World Meeting of families.

Bev and I attended the Supreme Mid-Year meetings in Washington DC from November 17 – 19. The Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in his address to the meeting brought renewed emphasis on Building the Domestic Church program and has asked all jurisdictions to add a Building the Domestic Church Couple to their Directors, similar Culture of Life Couple. The Supreme Knight went on to ask all State Deputies to serve as the initial Building the Domestic Church Couple. This program is meant to strengthen the bond between the Council, the parish and families. Through our Building the Domestic Church initiative, every Knights of Columbus Council is called to respond to the challenge facing our families and our parish community. To accomplish this we must rededicate ourselves to our mission of service for the church. By implementing this initiative in your councils. Knights, their families, and all parishioners participate in activities that strengthen our parishes and build Catholic fraternity.

Early in the new year the Fraternal Survey Form 1728 will be due. This form summaries the work of your council for the past calendar year and it is extremely important that Councils completed this form on time, capturing all of the activities over the past year. Brothers all our councils work hard throughout the Columbian year and we would be doing our brothers and ourselves a great disservice if we don't complete Form 1728 on time and as accurate as possible. Please

show the members of your councils that their hard work is appreciated, and that the leadership takes note of all the hard work that members complete.

This is a busy time of year for everyone and I encourage everyone to take some time out to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and to especially remember to “**Keep Christ in Christmas**”. Take time to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, especially our families.

Bev and I extend a wish for a blessed and Holy Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year to you and your family.

Fraternally,
Brian Hurley
State Secretary

State Chaplains Message



Dear Brother Knights,
Recently I attended the Knights of Columbus, Newfoundland and Labrador State, Mid -Year Meeting in Gander. At that meeting I was pleased to hear the Grand Knights and District Deputies share their stories of the good works done by Councils in feeding the hungry and providing warm winter clothing to the poor. However, those same stories saddened and humbled me to think that there are so many in our province without the means and resources necessary to keep

themselves and their families warmly dressed and well fed.

In their sharing of these stories, the Deputies and Grand Knights noted the importance of assisting in a way that respects the dignity of the recipients and they spoke of the satisfaction and fulfilment felt by the organizers and contributors of this outreach to those in need. Their stories reminded me of a touching experience I had one Christmas day as a young priest.

At the time I was covering a parish in a rural area. After the Christmas morning Mass, a parishioner came forward and invited me to Christmas dinner with his family. He invited me because he knew I was a visiting priest and did not want me to spend Christmas day alone. This man was not well to do. He, his wife and four children lived in a trailer park and were having a hard time making ends meet. However, on that Christmas day he reached out to share his “riches” with me, someone he saw as a poor stranger passing through.

As we prepare in this Advent season for the upcoming celebration of Christmas, let’s take time to consider our “riches”, thank God for these riches and ask God to help us to know how to share these riches with those who have less.

With best wishes for God’s blessings upon you and your families during this upcoming Christmas season and always,

Fraternally yours in Christ,
+Peter Hundt, State Chaplain

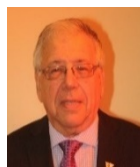
Keep Christ in Christmas

Special Treat

By Esther Lloyd Dauber

Blend equal parts of Faith and Hope
mixed well with Charity;
Stir in Good Will and Sweet Content
and Precious Memory;
Add Kindness, Helpfulness and Joy;
of Gratitude don’t spare;
Then drop by love’s Essence sweet,
and Praises freely share;
And don’t forget such spices rare as
Laughter, Smiles and Fun;
Taste often for best results, (Tis sweet
to mince onion);
Now add a Thankful Heart and then,
the recipe’s complete
Your “Merry Christmas” all will like
... so try the season’s treat

State Secretaries Message



Christmas is the time when we seem to devote extra attention to the homeless and poor in our communities. But there are more people in need than just the homeless and poor. When you are out shoveling snow from YOUR driveway and sidewalks, do you think about your neighbours? Are they able to clear the snow and ice from their property because of age or sickness? The time for us to give a helping hand to our neighbours, is today, and every day, not just at Christmas time.

We all know of people in our area who have needs that are not met. Not many people care about them. Certainly, we, as Knights,

and as human beings, should help people all the time and not just at Christmas. Most of us splurge on our loved ones and ourselves during Christmas time. Brothers, you and your fellow Knights can help meet those needs though, through your council programs. Programs such as food for the homeless and families living in poverty, coats for kids, and collecting for the Food Bank, all help meet those needs.

Our jurisdiction has done well in membership growth in the first half of this fraternal year. But we have the potential to do even better. Many Councils have not even started to recruit new members yet. We should try harder to welcome more Catholic men into our Order to help the Council's charitable programs.

The New Year is a time for us to renew ourselves. I would urge all Councils to initiate a good plan for the second half of the Fraternal Year, especially those Councils who are experiencing slow growth.

Brothers, I would like to extend best wishes to you and your families during this Blessed and Holy Season. And, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally
Gord Lannon
State Secretary



State Warden's Message

Brothers, it is indeed a great privilege to bring greetings to all the Councils in NL jurisdiction this year. I wish to thank our State Deputy and State Council for appointing me as State Warden for the remainder of the Columbian year. Along with my State responsibilities State Deputy Brain Hurley has also appointed me as State Program Director.

On behalf of our Worthy State Deputy I would like to thank all Grand Knights, Program Directors, Committee Chairmen and Brother Knights who organized and conducted many and varied council programs during the past Columbian Year. These programs are what make our order great and give us recognition and promote growth in the order.

In that long list of programs that many Councils undertake there are some key programs that help us measure the how Councils are doing throughout the jurisdiction. Your Councils success in running programs like Keep Christ in Christmas, Free Throw and Soccer Challenge, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Roses for Life with the involvement of many members and other volunteers show to all what we Knights of Columbus are all about. Please continue this great work.

Soon your program coordinators will be contacting you regarding your year-end program submissions. After each program please take a minute to record program details, program name, number of people involved, and the hours taken for the activity. Keeping notes on how the program was conducted and how successful it was will help you in the future.

In closing I along with my wife Sheila would like to wish all my brother knights and your families a happy and safe Merry Christmas and best wishes for a new year.

Gary Gallagher
State Warden/State Program Director.

Past State Deputies Message

My Brother Knights, 2017 is drawing to a close and also the 1st half of the 2017-2018 Columbian Year. We are now in our 2nd week of advent and everyone are busy preparing for Christmas and family gatherings. During this month many of our Councils and members will be visible in our communities doing volunteer work and donating to worthy causes such as Christmas Hampers, Food Banks, displaying Keep Christ in Christmas messages and assisting our Parish Priests with preparation of the church for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

As we interact with family and friends let's keep membership in the forefront. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is one of the best gifts a catholic man can receive and one that can change the life of his family forever.

Mary and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Emile Cabot
Immediate Past State Deputy

***One Member per Council
Per Month***

Message from Supreme Representative

Brother Knights:

2017-2018 is an exciting time in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador. Happy Centennial Anniversary! As a way to celebrate this momentous occasion, your State Council has set a goal of 150 new members for this fraternal year. This would bring you to Circle of Honor status. I would ask that all councils strive to recruit at least one new member between now and the end of the fraternal year. This will go a long way to reach this goal. I would also ask that you promote your good works within your Parish and your community. These good works are an excellent way to promote yourselves and the Order, and works as an effective recruitment tool.

Finally, I would like to thank the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador for your commitment to the ideals of our Order. On behalf of Charlene and I, have a Blessed Christmas and all the best in the new year!

Vivat Jesus:
Paul Perry, PSD
MPC for NS, NL, and PEI
Knights of Columbus Supreme

Report from District Deputy #1

Where does time go? The Fraternal year is almost half over. The Councils in District 1; 1448 Dalton, Harbour Grace, 2223 Avalon, South River and 5902 Monsignor McCarthy, Carbonear have been very busy and I am

confident that it will continue into the New Year.

I was honoured to install the officers of each Council and meet the dedicated Brothers that lead these councils. It is not an easy task to be a council officer, but it is certainly rewarding. I thank-you all for taking the challenge of leadership.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention that our biggest obstacle in our District is Recruiting. If we are to continue our good works of Charity, Unity and Fraternity we MUST grow. Are you sure that every Catholic Gentleman in your Parish has been approached to become a member? Have you approached someone?

The recruitment initiative announced at the mid-year meeting is attractive and I encourage all Brothers to recruit a new member. For the months of December and January, the proposer of every new member will receive \$50 for the first member and \$25 for each consecutive member.

As we continue our journey during Advent to the birth of the Christ Child, I humbly ask you all to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

As you gather with your family and friends this Christmas, my wife Christine and I wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Fraternally,
Paul Baldwin
District Deputy #1

A Knight before Christmas

Report from District Deputy #2

Greetings to Brothers in District #2 comprising St. Teresa's, Fr. Francis Jackman, Holy Spirit and Avalon Councils and all Councils throughout the province. All councils in my district are very active and have great programs to keep existing and potentially new members interested in their Councils. Charity being the mainstay of the Order I am delighted to see really active programs like Coats for Kids and significant donations being made to local charities like St. Vincent DePaul along with donations of Coats, mittens and gloves being distributed to many needy groups like The Gathering Place and other locations throughout the district. The need seems to be getting greater. Good luck with all your programs and remember to record the program details.

My wife Sheila and I wish all brother Knights and your families' best wishes for a Merry Christmas and blessing filled new year in 2018.

Regards
Gary Gallagher
District Deputy #2

Report from District Deputy #3

Brother Knights,

It has been a busy summer and fall in District # 3. First of all, I would like to commend all the Knights in their councils for all their hard work and dedication. Their works ranged from very public events to ones that are only visible by a few. Never the less all their works supported the K of C six program areas, council, church, community, family, pro-life and youth. Some

of the Chaplains and Priests have changed in our Councils and Parishes. Fr. Wayne Dohey is now the Chaplain for Fr. John B Kent Council, Fr. Francis Puddister is the Chaplain for MQP. St. Paul's received Fr. Clem Flaherty is the new Parish Priest at St. Paul's, while Fr. William Brown remains the Chaplain. Fr. Paul Lundrigan is the Chaplain for Holy Trinity. There is great support from all the parish priest for the K of C, with Fr. Wayne being past State Chaplain. Also Fr. Paul gave a raving review to his congregation concerning the K of C at their church drive.

In September Fr. John B Kent had their installation of officers on the 9th after Mass. Also, Mary Queen of Peace Council had their election and installation of officers at the beginning of the September meeting on the 19th.

On October 5th, Noelle Lambe a student from Newtown Elementary received the Supreme Award for the Substance Abuse Poster Program from WSD Brian Hurley. This award, top one in the world was presented at her schools Thanksgiving Day ceremony in front of all her peers. The WGK Peter Furlong, Fr. J. B. Kent youth Director John O'Leary and I were also present. A big thank you to the members of Fr. JB Kent council for conducting this program last year to enable this participant to receive such a prestigious award. St. Paul's Council and Holy Trinity Council had their installations done prior to their meetings on the 18th and 19th respectively. On October 21st The Fall Festival of Friends, the main fundraiser for the Center for Life was held. Brother Noel obtained all the sound equipment and acted as stage manager during this night. Brother Gary Hughes and I

participated in the selling of tickets for their 50/50 draw. Also Fr. John B Kent council held a church drive at St. Peter and Mary Queen of the World Parishes at Saturdays and Sundays Masses.

During November members from all the councils laid wreaths on behalf of the K of C at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Also, members of Holy Trinity, MQP and St. Pauls participated in the ceremonies at Torbay and Outer Cove / Logy Bay. St. Paul's council held a social on Nov 4 which over 100 people attended. This was a great family building activity with the Knights spouses and families being present.

Finally, Mary Queen of Peace council assembled a Keep Christ in Christmas float to be in the St. John's parade on December 3rd. This is the only float in the parade recognizing that Christmas season is about Christ's Birth. Fr. John B. Kent council donated \$3000 to the food for family's program with St. Vincent de Paul and the Gathering place being the recipients. Fr. JB Kent council also held an Awards Banquet on December 11 to honor the current and deceased members of the council. St. Paul's council' addressed the issue of the Froude Avenue fire by donating new Christmas trees and a \$500 cheque to each of the families displaced by that terrible event.

Members of all the councils also participated in the ministries of their parishes, working in their food banks, clothing the poor through the Coats for Kids Program and supporting their parishes and communities through corporal and spiritual acts of mercy.

Meetings with Fr. Jeff Kolonel concerning the reactivation of JJ Murray Council are still ongoing. He is very supported of the Knights and want a group to assist him in his parish. Unfortunately, he is a very busy person and is just about impossible to get time with him. He wishes that we initiate the reactivation in January. A church drive will be conducted to obtain men from the parish, even though many of his parishioners are Knights. With a reactivation they may return to their home council to assist Fr. Jeff.

I am very proud to be involved with all the councils in District # 3 and would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas season.

Fraternally
Ray Bonia
District Deputy #3

Report from District Deputy #4

Brother Knights, the Councils in District 4 consist of Terra Nova Council 1452, Conception Council 1930 and Corpus Christie Council 7786. All 3 Council have been very busy since September until the writing of this report. Some of the activities that they have been involved in are as follows

- Installation of Officers
- Church clean-ups
- Rosaries for deceased Brothers
- Attended training seminars
- Worked various bingo's
- Held First Degree's
- Held Second Degree's
- Held Third Degree's

- Special Fourth Degree was held upon request at the hospital
- Took part in November 11th ceremonies and laid Wreaths
- Widows function was held
- Hospital Visitations were held
- Candle light Vigil was held on December 12 in remembrance of the 99 people who died in the K of C fire in 1942.

There were many more activities and donations made to various charities. In closing I would like to thank all the Brother Knights in my District for the work they put into making their Councils a success and living up to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Fraternally
John Atkins
District Deputy #4

Christmas is

Christmas is the happiness that lights our children's eyes.

Christmas is a song of bells ringing through the skies.

Christmas is a time of peace, of contentment deep within,

A time of love and silent hope that years will never dim.

By Sherrill Thompson



Report from District Deputy #5

Brothers, District 5 consists of Council 6494 St. Anne's in Dunville, 6672 Dean Patrick Cleary in Witless Bay and 13320 St. Mary's in St. Mary's. All 3 Councils are very active in their respective communities. At a recent meeting at Dean Patrick Cleary Council, the Worthy District Deputy Brother Brendan Vickers presented the Grand Knight Brother James Boland with the Columbian Award for the 2016-2017 year.



Br. Brendan Vickers DD#5 right, Grand Knight James Boland left

Report from State Family Director

Brother Knights,

Our Columbian is half over, and I have been getting reports from the various councils concerning their various family activities. All councils are doing their part in the support of families in different ways. A report concerning family activities was passed out last April at the convention and I hope that councils read the report and implemented some of the programs. With a new rubric for the recognition awards for the councils I will be revising the report and I

will sent it to State Council to distribute it electronically to the councils. Although we have half of the Columbian year behind us we still have six months left. Many family activities can still be conducted to strengthen and support the families of our members and our parishes.

One of the programs that I have been given feedback on is the Food for Families programs. Council through the province have been conducting food drives and making financial donations to their local food banks, The Gathering Place and St. Vincent de Paul. This charitable activity supports the basic needs of the family. I would like to thank the councils for their continued support of the Food for Families program. Recently I have become aware that councils did not know that the K of C Supreme Council provides support to the councils who avail of this program. Councils that donate \$500 or 1000 lbs. of food are entitled to a rebate from supreme. The Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application (#10057) can be found at kofc.org/forms or in the Councils Report Forms Booklet. So, in reality a \$500 donation only cost \$400. Also, the plaque recognizes the council's contributions. It is important for the councils to recognize their members for the efforts that is put into the program.

Councils are also conducting the Family of the Month Program. This is another recognition award the councils present to their members either monthly meeting or during a social function. It may seem a simple program to be conducted however it illustrates the effort our families put into our councils and communities. Some of these Family of the month have been

recognised by Supreme Council. All councils are recommended to submit their Family of the Month to Supreme Council. On the 15th day of each month 100 Family of the Month reporting forms are randomly selected, and the families chosen receive a Holy Family plaque. Form 1993 can be found in your forms booklet or at kofc.org/forms.

Councils are also supporting Families in our Parishes and communities by conducting children's Christmas parties, socials for the members and their families, and renewal of wedding vows in June. Remember Brothers that programs are not always complicated. For example, the renewal of wedding vows can occur during or after mass by your parish priest. This program only takes five minutes and all the members of the parish can avail of it.

We have been also supporting families be participating in the celebration of Life for our deceased brothers. Rosaries, visitations, masses and Honor Guards have been provided to the families of our deceased brother knights. Please remember there is a special Rosary to be said for our Brother Knight's. Copies can be ordered through you Supply Dept. An easy program for our councils to partake is the saying of Rosaries for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus. Councils usually conduct a rosary before their monthly meeting, so all they have to do is dedicate it to the deceased members.

Councils also supported Pro Life by raising fund for the Center for Life through the WWI Commemorative Poster lottery. A very special thank you was given by Linda Holden President of the Center for Life.

Congratulations to all councils and their members for their corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. These are the reasons which I am proud to be a Knight and we should invite other Catholic gentlemen to join our order, so they can become involved in our activities.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas season. Please contact me if you wish any information concerning family activities at ray.bonia@nf.sympatico.ca.

Vivat Jesus
Ray Bonia
Family Director
NL State Council

Report from State Youth Director

Brothers, we are now half way into our Fraternal Year. Councils should be getting their youth activities planned for the year. The Basketball Free Throw Competition will soon be upon us. It is time to have the venues in place and competition dates set. The State Council Competition will be held in March 2018 in Grand Falls - Windsor. The final date will be made know later.

The information for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, the Alcohol Awareness and Abuse Poster Contests needs to be made available to the participants. The posters are due by March 15, 2018.

Thank you to all councils for your continued support of our youth and the youth programs A Very Merry Christmas to all the knights and their families. I hope all of you will have a joyful and holy Christmas.

Fraternally,
John Thoms
State Youth Director.

The Symbolism of the Christmas tree

The Christmas tree is an evergreen tree, it does not die or fade away or lose its needles in the winter. In this sense it has soon come to represent the immortality of the resurrected Christ.



CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"GOD OF ALL GIFTS, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MANY WAYS YOU HAVE BLESSED US THIS DAY,

WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR EACH PERSON GATHERED AROUND THIS TABLE. WE ASK YOU TO BLESS US, AND OUR FOOD.

WE REMEMBER HOW JESUS WAS BORN IN POVERTY, AND WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.

BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE NO ROOF TO SHELTER THEM. OPEN THE HEARTS OF LOVING AND GENEROUS PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER AND OUR WORLD MORE JUST.

BRING PEACE TO OUR HEARTS, TO OUR FAMILY, AND TO OUR WORLD.

HELP US TO BRING YOUR LOVE AND THE JOY OF THIS DAY, AND EVERY DAY TO ALL WHO NEED IT.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. "AMEN"

Insurance Promotion

Insurance: A tremendous recruiting tool!

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that **“membership growth is our primary responsibility”**. He went on to say that everything we do depends on membership. Membership growth is not only the responsibility of the State Deputy, the State/Council membership director, Grand Knight, but every member in every council in this jurisdiction.

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this jurisdiction as a State Council. Our 100th anniversary convention will be in St. John’s in April 2018. We owe it to those great Knights who have gone before us, to our State Deputy and State Executive and to this jurisdiction to make this year a special year for membership growth. Presently there are approximately 2 to 3% of eligible Catholic men in this jurisdiction that are members of our Order. “Where are the others?” you may ask? They are in our families, our communities, our schools, our work places and the vast majority of them have never been asked to join. These people must be invited and given a good reason to join. That reason is the Fraternal Benefits offer by our Order such as scholarships, member/spouse medical travel fund, hostel fund, free accidental death benefit for member and spouse and especially our insurance/investment products.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest insurers in North America with in excess of \$105 billion of insurance in force and over \$22 billion in assets. We have had 16 consecutive years of sales growth. For the past 4 years the

Knights of Columbus has been named a “World’s Most Ethical Company”. The Knights have an extensive portfolio of top rated products including Life Insurance, Disability Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, as well as TFSA’s and RRSP’s.

Let us all take our responsibility for membership growth seriously and inform young families about the benefits we offer and invite them to join. Be informed about our insurance/investment products and talk to prospective members and their families about them. A prospective member can buy insurance before becoming a member, but must join within 90 days after the insurance policy is issued.

Let us go to the 100th Anniversary State Convention with Circle of Honour (membership and insurance quota) for our State Deputy and our jurisdiction.

A closing thought, ‘**Some people speak of life insurance as a luxury. I wonder if these people consider food, clothing and shelter luxuries, because that is what life insurance provides**’.

Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Health, Peace and Happiness.

Call your agent today and set an appointment. It could be the most important appointment you will ever make.

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Scholarships

Forty-eight students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. There were 10 applications for the State Council Scholarships and 48 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. A total of **sixty** applications were received. **Two** applications were ineligible. Winners are determined using the Department of Education **Honours Requirements** guidelines.

State Deputy Brian Hurley is pleased to announce the winners of 6 State Scholarships at a value of \$1000 each and the 4 Jubilee Scholarships at a value of \$500 each for 2017.

State Scholarship Winners

Spencer Groves is the son of Todd and Lisa Groves, Mary Queen of Peace Council #7405, St. John’s. Spencer is attending Memorial University.

Megan Kieley is the daughter of Robert and Paula Kieley, Fr. Francis Jackman Council #9303, Conception Bay South. Megan is attending Memorial University.

Kathryn O’Leary is the daughter of John and Kimberly O’Leary, Cabot Council #6001,

Avondale. Kathryn is attending Memorial University.

Cassidy Rose is the daughter of Keith and Beverley Rose, Fr. John B. Kent Council #6638, Mount Pearl. Cassidy is attending Memorial University.

John St. Croix is the son of Sebastian and Madelyn St. Croix, OLPH Council #3742, Stephenville. John is attending Queens University, Kingston, ON.

Jenna Walsh is the daughter of Vince and Donna Walsh, St. Teresa's Council #7702, St. John's. Jenna is attending Memorial University.

Jubilee Scholarship Winners

Briana Bugden is a graduate of Mount Pearl Senior High, Mount Pearl and is attending Memorial University.

Andrew Greek is a graduate of O'Donel High School, Mount Pearl and is attending Memorial University.

Lauren O'Driscoll is a graduate of St. Mark's All-Grade, King's Cove and is attending University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.

Keisha Roche is a graduate of Holy Trinity High, Torbay and is attending Memorial University.

John St. Croix was also the winner of a Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship valued at \$1500 per year for four years. He was also the winner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 Council Scholarship valued at \$500.00. John was home for Christmas with his Family and was presented with his two checks valued at \$1500.00.



John St. Croix right accepts Scholarship checks from Grand Knight Bob Miller of OLPH 3742

State Website

kofcnl.org

This past year has been a very busy time for me as the State WebMaster. Earlier this year we learned that our webpage would no longer be hosted by Microsoft and would have to be moved to another site. It was decided to move our webpage to GoDaddy. Since the address www.kofcnl.org is the same most members probably didn't notice any change.

The design of the page is different, and I am still in the process of reconstructing the whole site. Any suggestions on the changes would be greatly appreciated. If you see something you like let me know and I will keep it. If you see something you don't like to let me know and I will try to change it.

The purpose of the webpage is to communicate with members. In the past few months there have been about 900 hits a month on our site but I have no idea if our message is getting out. I do notice that after a lottery draw there is a

spike in the number of hits. I certainly invite all who read our newsletter to check out kofc.nl.

In closing I wish all Brother Knights and their families and all who read this newsletter a Blessed and Merry Christmas and good health in the New Year.

Fraternally
Patrick Craig PSD
State WebMaster

State Membership Report

Brother Knights, we have just passed the five (5) month of the Columbian year and have had a fairly successful campaign in MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT to this point. We have recruited fifty-one (51) NEW or FORMER members in our jurisdiction which is just over one-third of the goal set down to achieve CIRCLE OF HONOUR status. Congratulations to all the councils who have been MEMBERSHIP active and I want to encourage all councils to recruit NEW or FORMER members especially at this time of year.

Christmas is the season for sharing and what better way of sharing than giving the gift of MEMBERSHIP in our Order of the Knights of Columbus. You may find a great opportunity at this time of year to approach a prospect at Mass since many more people tend to attend Church during the Christmas season than any other time of year. Take the time to introduce yourself to a new prospect or get re-acquainted with a friend or associate who is a former member. In both cases these people may just be waiting to be approached and might be ready to say "yes" to an invitation to join or re-join. Take the time to "ASK"!

Please think about the benefits your council will gain by recruiting NEW or FORMER members, such as more help with programs and activities in your council. One more member can and often does make a world of difference in many ways that can improve the overall workings of a council. Also, you need to think about the difference that being a member of the Knights of Columbus can make in the individual's life as well as the life of his family. We all joined the Knights of Columbus for different reasons and we have stayed dedicated to the Organization for many, many years. We take pride in what we do and we should show this pride wherever we approach a prospect to ask him to join.

On behalf of State Council, I want to thank all the attendees at the jurisdiction's Mid-year meetings in Gander, December 1-3, 2017 for their participation and input in our different sessions during that weekend. Overall, the sessions were well-received and very informative

We are well on the way to reaching CIRCLE of HONOUR which can be achieved by having EVERY COUNCIL and EVERY MEMBER becoming MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE. Let's continue recruiting during December and into the New Year to have a great year in MEMBERSHIP.

On behalf of my family, I want to wish all Knights and their families in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a prosperous and safe NEW YEAR.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Membership Director

Fall Ticket Sweep Report

Brother Knights, on December 2nd, at the mid-year meetings in Gander, the ticket draw for the Annual Fall Ticket Sweep was held.

A total of 77,387 tickets were sold. A breakdown of each region is as follows Zone “A” Eastern – 30,973, Zone “B” Central – 19,740 and Zone “C” Western/Labrador – 26,674. This year there was a total of 1,212 more tickets sold than in 2016.

The winners were Zone “A” – 1st Place – Rosalind Philpott, 2nd Place – C. Tucker, 3rd Place – Larry Power. The seller of the 1st.place ticket was Iggy Philpott. All Eastern Zone tickets were drawn by Bishop Peter Hundt.

Zone “B” - 1st Place – Christine Gillingham, 2nd Place – Jackie Lawton, 3rd Place – Dave Miller. The seller of the 1st. place ticket was J.P. All Central Zone tickets were drawn by State Deputy Brian Hurley.

Zone “C” – 1st Place – Patsy Sasaki, 2nd Place – Drew Cumby, 3rd Place – Kay Kelley. The seller of the 1st. place ticket was Pat Gambin. All Western / Labrador Zone tickets were drawn by Past State Deputy Emile Cabot.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus State Lottery Committee, Dave Delaney, Corner Brook, John Thoms, Bishops Falls, Eugene Hurley, Carbonear and myself, Jerry Barker, King’s Cove, we want to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Brother Knights and their families.

Congratulations



Fall Sweep winner (Western) L-R, Keith Kean DD, Mike Connolly GK 5681, Patsy Sasaki winner and Dave Delaney FS

Challenging Needs Christmas Party

Monsignor Finn Council 5904 hosts Christmas party for Adults with Challenging Needs and their Support workers in Bishop’s Falls

Initiated in 2016, members of Monsignor Finn Council 5904 again this year, led by Brother George Burke, Grand Knight, organized a Christmas party for adults in the town who are residents of the homes that provide care for people with challenging needs. It is known locally as the *K of C Inclusion Event*. This year,

28 residents with their Personal Care workers, attended and were treated to fun and games, a Bingo special, Christmas songs, a visit from Santa who distributed gifts to all from the Knights, and finally, a delicious feast of Mary Brown Chicken with all the trimmings. This event was very popular in 2016, and it is our intention to continue it every year. It follows on the heels of hosting a reception for the community following the dedication of our Parish Christmas tree and opening of our Nativity Scene in front of Sacred Heart Church last Tuesday, known as the Christmas Carol Sing, and organized by Brother Leo Morgan, his wife and a number of volunteers who assist them each year.

More events are planned to get the community in the spirit of the Christmas season. A large turkey dinner and raffle, and event that has been part of the parish and community life for decades, will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017. Later a dinner for the Seniors of the community and a children's party in our hall, together with a very active involvement in our Christmas Eve Church Celebration of Mass that includes an Honor Guard of Bishop O'Neill Assembly 0625.

On January 6, 2018 Old Christmas Day and feast of the Epiphany, we host our members, their wives and friends, as well as our Patrons during the past year. Our annual awards, Council scholarship, and major donations to Sacred Heart Parish and our local charities is presented following a delicious Pot Luck Dinner, followed by a dance where we host not only ourselves, but the Bishop's Falls Firefighters, who are our special guests for the evening.

Finally, we never lose sight or focus of the true meaning of Christmas, Christ's Birthday, and have already participated in the annual Keep Christ in Christmas march, as well as purchased an advertising campaign on VOXM to remind people of the real purpose of these celebrations – Keep Christ in Christmas!



Brother Knights preparing the food for distribution

Condolences



On behalf of the State Board and all Brother Knights, a sincere Condolence to The Family of Worthy District Deputy Brother Lawrence Hynes who passed away on December 20, 2017. A dedicated husband to Sheila and proud dad to Mark and Brian. A very happy Grandfather to Emma, Matthew and Kale. Lawrence was a great supporter of the Knights of Columbus and his Parish. Lawrence was a Past Grand Knight of Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing and currently held the position of District Deputy #10.

