

Knighly News

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Sate Deputies Message



Brothers we are just two weeks away from our 100th Convention and two and half months from the end of the Columbian year. I would like to thank each one of you for your hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus. Our goal for membership this year is 150 and as of April 1 we are at 80 new members. Twenty-one councils have recruited at least one new member and fifteen councils have not recruited a new member so far this year. One Council has meet their membership quota (Msgr. McCarthy 5902) and several others are close to meeting their target. Let's keep up the challenging work and finish strong, a lot can be accomplished in two and a half months, don't forget our former members.

This year eighteen councils submitted program reports for judging. We have 36 active councils, that means 50% of the active councils submitted reports. Brothers I know most if not all Councils are active in some or all program areas. As leaders of your council you owe it to the members to report the work your council completes each year.

The Knights of Columbus started in Newfoundland and Labrador in 1909 with the formation of Dalton Council 1448 in Harbour Grace on November 29,1909. The second council was formed the next day with the formation of Terra Nova Council 1452 in St. John's. It would be nine years until the next council was formed at Bell Island on December 8, 1918

With the formation of Conception Council 1930, there were enough councils for the formation of a State Council. On May 24,1918 the first State Convention was held on Bell Island. In November, of 2008 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the Knights into the province. This year we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the State council.

Archbishop Martin Currie, who is a former State Chaplain and a strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus will celebrate his Golden



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Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday May 11, 2018. Let us all take this opportunity to congratulate Archbishop on reaching such a tremendous milestone when we see him at our convention.

Canada Summer Jobs program. The following is an update from Nat Gallo on efforts to change the Canada Summer Jobs application.

Groups applying for 2018 funding were required to endorse an attestation by checking a box, indicating their affirmation of certain beliefs held by the current government, described by many as a “values test.” Such a values test contravenes the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees the freedom of religion and conscience (2a), of thought, belief, opinion and expression (2b), as well as “equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination” (15 [1]).

In January of this year, we asked to sit down with the government to find a path forward. In the interim, we invited those sharing our deep concern to write, call or meet with their elected Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing these concerns. We know that more than 1,400 applications have been denied, compared to 126 in 2017. It is no coincidence that the number of rejections has spiked due to the controversial attestation.

Please take every opportunity to speak to your MP on this important issue.

As we approach the end of the current Columbian year I encourage all Grand Knights to ensure they complete all of the required forms for Supreme Council, especially those that may qualify for Star Council award.

Thank you and your families for all for the time and dedication that you give your councils and our order. I look forward to seeing many of you at our convention.

*Brian Hurley
State Deputy*

State Chaplain Message



Dear Brother Knights,

You will probably be receiving this edition of the Knightly News about two weeks before this year’s State Convention, the 100th convention of our province. A lot has happened since the first State Convention took place in 1918, attended by

representatives of the only three Councils then in existence in the then Commonwealth of Newfoundland.

I expect that at this year's State Convention there will be a fair amount of looking back at what has happened in our State over the past 100 years, and probably an equal amount of looking ahead in an effort to discern how to best move forward into the future.

Celebrating the past and planning for the future is not something to be done only once every, one hundred years. Both the celebrating and the planning are important activities for us to participate in on a regular basis, not only as members of the Knights of Columbus but also within our families, our parishes and our own individual lives.

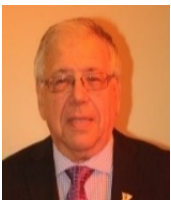
Celebrating the good things in life keeps us positive and gracious; planning for the future keeps us alert and motivated.

The Easter season is a wonderful time in which to celebrate the goodness of the Lord. It is also a wonderful time to plan how best to make use of and share this goodness that we have received from Him.

Praying that your hearts be filled with gratitude, your minds be alight with ideas and your hands be busy at sharing with others the gifts of your hearts and minds,

*Fraternally yours in Christ,
+Peter Hundt, State Chaplain*

Message from State Secretary



The Knights of Columbus have been around Newfoundland and Labrador for a long time, one hundred and nine years to be exact.

It all began in 1909 with the formation of two councils within a day of each other, the first in Harbor Grace, and the second in St. John's.

Over the years more councils were added, and others dropped by the wayside, until we reach the present day, with Newfoundland and Labrador now having 37 councils in operation.

In November of 2008 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the Knights into this province. This year we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council.

In a few short weeks, representatives from just about all the 37 councils still active in the province, will gather in St. John's for the 100th State Convention. And they will help mark a historic occasion, the start of the next one hundred years of service to Newfoundland and Labrador.

None of us were around when the Knights started back in 1909, and it's unlikely any of us will be here to celebrate the next one hundred years of service. However, we can still contribute to the next one hundred years through our service programs, and the other projects that the Knights of Columbus carry out each, and every day.

Brothers, I urge all of you to re-double your commitment to the Knights of Columbus, and to the Catholic Church. By doing so, we can leave a legacy for brother knights who come behind us, those knights who will celebrate the second 100-year anniversary of the order in this province, and who, when looking back, can proudly say, 'Those men were Knights of Columbus.'

Hopefully, I will see many of you at the State Convention in St. John's at the end of this month.

*Gordon Lannon
State Secretary*

Message from State Advocate



Brothers this past Columbian Year Supreme Council implemented a policy for Councils in Canada with home corporations. This policy applies to Councils who own and operate their own facilities. There is a handbook available from Supreme Office to aid Councils with home corporations in following this policy. I would urge Councils affected to follow this policy closely.

We should also keep in mind the Safe Environment Program Policy. Any member planning to serve in a youth role is required take the online Youth Protection and Safe Environment Training available at Supreme Office. This training is mandatory and Grand Knights should ensure this policy is followed.

Once again, this year at our convention we will adopt a number of resolutions to guide us for the upcoming Columbian year. A number of these are annual resolutions that are carried

forward every year while others are intended to provide guidance for programs and activities that our jurisdiction supports. I would like to thank the Councils that submitted resolutions this year and look forward to debating them with you at our convention later this month.

The Knights of Columbus operates under the Charter Constitution Laws, Knights of Columbus. This document outlines the laws of our order. I would encourage every council's Advocate to read and become familiar with these laws of our order and to ensure their council operates according to them.

On behalf of my wife Jennie and myself, I offer fraternal greetings to Brother Knights and their Families as we come together to celebrate our 100th State Convention in a couple of weeks.

*Paul Morrissey
State Advocate.*

Message from State Warden

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 Brian Hurley for appointing me as State Warden for this Columbian year. Along with my State Executive responsibilities I was also appointed as State Program Director.

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

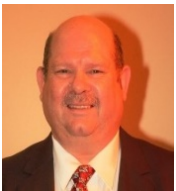
In that extensive list of programs that many Councils undertake, there are many key programs that help us measure the how Councils are doing throughout the jurisdiction. Your Councils success in running programs like Keep Christ in Christmas, Free Throw and Soccer Challenge, Coats for Kids, Food for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

After each program please take a minute to record program details, program name, number of people involved, and the hours taken for the activity. Take lots of pictures. Keep notes on how the program was conducted and how successful it was with your council and community.

In closing I want to congratulate all members on reaching our 100th anniversary as a State jurisdiction. It is quite an achievement.

*Fraternally
Gary Gallagher
State Warden/State Program Director.*

Message from Immediate Past State Deputy



Brothers, our jurisdiction has more than 3000 former/inactive members listed. We continue to try and update these lists through submitting Membership Documents (Form 100) to Supreme Council to remove the names of deceased former members.

The former members list is available to each council through the Membership Management and Billing system. I encourage you to review this list and identify former members who you think may be interested in rejoining. You can also update the list locally by removing deceased former members. This list is an excellent tool for Councils to use to grow membership, however the degree of success will require planning and follow-up. These men left the Order for a variety of reasons over the years and the reason they left may not apply today. Identify former members who you feel may be interested in rejoining and then make personal contact. Also, if you are successful in getting an inactive member to rejoin our order than you will gain a member and an insurance member.

To date, we have reactivated 4 former/inactive members. On behalf of the Membership Chairman, I thank those Councils for their efforts. I urge all Councils to continue their efforts in welcoming back Brother Knights during the remainder of this fraternal year. Your council will be stronger for it.

Mary and I look forward to seeing you at the 100th State Convention in in St. John's

*Emile J Cabot
Immediate Past State Deputy*

District Deputy #2

Greetings to my Brothers Knights in District #2 comprising St. Teresa's, Fr. Francis Jackman, Holy Spirit and Cabot Councils and all Councils throughout the province as we celebrate our 100th anniversary as a State jurisdiction.

As I complete my third full year as District Deputy I am constantly amazed at the interesting and many varied programs in each Council. Each Council can learn something from its adjacent Council whether it's regarding programs, membership recruiting or fraternal programs. Charity being the mainstay of the Order I am delighted to see 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.

Thanks to the Grand Knights and Council members of District #2 for the great receptions given to me and my Warden Bro. Gary Phillips over the past three years.

My wife Sheila and I wish all my brother Knights and their families' best wishes for your Council's success in the future.

Finally thank you to State Deputy Brian Hurley for appointing me as District Deputy for District #2.

*Fraternally
Gary Gallagher
District Deputy #2*

District Deputy #3

Congratulations to the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council on their 100 Year Milestone in this province. It has been an honor to be involved in the Knights of Columbus, especially at this time. I would like to thank Worthy State Deputy Brian Hurley for reappointing me as District Deputy # 3 for this Columbian Year. I hope the next 100 years is as fruitful as the last 100.

The councils in District #3 have been very active this year. The four active councils in District # 3 are St. Paul's 11776, Mary Queen of Peace 7405, Holy Trinity 9807 and Fr. John B Kent 6638

councils. They have their new executive elected and their directors appointed. Executive and regular business meetings have taken place every month to discuss their councils and parish issues.

The Grand Knights guidance have been given through additional meetings between the GK and DD. PGK Robert Smith stepped down from the GK position at St. Paul's due to health reasons and DGK Gerry Puddister took over the role of GK of St. Paul's Council. Fr. JB Kent have finally sold their building and will be putting more emphasis into their wonderful programs that they have been running.

The moral of the councils has been very good with members participating in various council activities. Programs have been conducted to support the council's parish and the local community. I have attended the meetings of all the active councils and have sent each council greetings from the WSD Brian Hurley. I believe the support given to the councils from the State council has strengthened each local council. Material and information has been given to the GK's to help him understand his role and the role of the council's officers. I have made myself available to the GK and members of the executive to provide guidance and advice, while not being involved in the council's finances.

Further guidance will be provided throughout the remaining of the fraternal year for the councils to grow and prosper. Emphasis has been put on looking ahead to activities, so the councils can appropriately run them. For example, it has been stressed that the installation of officers be conducted at the beginning of the fraternal year, i.e. July. Also, activities that councils participate in such as Parishes garden parties. Most Knights believe the fraternal year runs from September to June. However, July and August have tremendous potential for action from the Knights.

Father Jeff Kolonel has expressed an interest in reactivating JJ Murry council 10826 in the Goulds. I have met with Fr. Jeff concerning this and he is very interested in having the Knights as a support group for St. Kevin's Parish. In March 2018 a church drive was held, and interest was given by several parishioners in joining the K of C. Work on re-establishing this council is ongoing.

Finally, I would like to thank all the councils in District # 3 for their work in the six program areas and commend them for their spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

*Fraternally
Ray Bonia
DD # 3*

District Deputy #4

100 Years. Father McGivney would be so proud.

*On Behalf of the Knights Of Columbus Councils in District #4, of which I represent It is my pleasure and honor to congratulate and extend fraternal greetings to the State Board of Executives on the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the State Council Of Newfoundland and Labrador on this wonderful occasion of a Century Of Service, and by holding steadfast to the principles on which this Order was founded, **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.***

As District Deputy for District #4, let us continue with the great work and the services, as we move into the next Century, and continue support to Church, Our Communities, and Our World as we help build the Domestic Church, while strengthening our Parishes, and bring Families together.

On a personal note, I am privileged to have served in a number of leadership Capacities including, Faithful Navigator and District Deputy of which was, and is a great honor to be elected to such a great Order of the Knights of Columbus, and to be able to Celebrate with you 100 years of Columbianism in this great Province.

As I reflect to our first State Deputy, Charles O'Neil Conroy, who was elected on January 27th, 1919. long before my time, and who's footsteps you follow, I'm sure he would be very proud of all the work, and growth development over the past 100 Years of Service.

In Closing, I want to say that my wife Clementine and I are very fortunate to be able to participate in the celebration of this most auspicious, and noteworthy event, and wish State Council success, Peace, and Happiness for your Family, and may God be with you, as you continue the work of Father McGivney in this great province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Vivat Jesus

*Fraternally,
John C. Atkins
District Deputy
District #4*

District Deputy #10

Brothers, Fraternal greetings from District #10 which consists of councils 9789 Fr. P.J. Cooney in the Codroy Valley, 9464 Our Lady of Assumption in Stephenville Crossing and 3742 Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Stephenville. Since the last issue of the Knightly News there have been the hiring of an insurance agent in our district, Fr. P.J. Cooney Council have been involved in the annual winter carnival, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council have conducted 3 First Degree's. We have had a truck hook the phone lines around the area and pulled them all down, this happened 8 days ago and just got them back today. All the councils in my district are active and I look forward to meeting Brother Knights from all around this wonderful province next week at the 100th annual State Convention.

*Fraternally
Ron Aucoin
District Deputy #10*

State Family Director

Celebrate Faith, Family, Fraternity

Brother Knights, as we begin our final quarter of our Columbian year it is very important to recognize that our families are the backbone of our councils. Our wives, sons and daughters provide support to the Knights to enable our worthy programs. It is our duty as husbands and fathers to recognize this and to incorporate our families in our activities. Many family activities are listed in the Surge with Service booklet that councils can customize to their needs. A few suggestions are; schedule family gatherings, volunteer as a family, have your council hold a Family Fun Day after Mass or at your Parishes Garden Party. Councils need to recognize family opportunities during the summer months. Partnerships with your parish can provide family opportunities that your council cannot provide on their own.

Father's Day is an important time to celebrate the role of fatherhood within the Christian family and is an ideal day for fathers to celebrate and honor their marriage vows. Annually sponsoring this event on the third Sunday of June will serve to make your council visible to the parish community and show your member's support for all fathers and husbands. During these events, Knights and their wives, along with all the married couples of the parish, have an

opportunity to affirm their commitment to their wedding vows. After the event, councils should host a reception where they can congratulate each couple and thank them for their witness.

Another important date is August 12, Father McGivney's Birthday. Councils can schedule a social to celebrate our founder's birthday, hold a Church Drive to give other members of your parish an opportunity to join the K of C, an Admission degree or start a Family Week. The opportunities for family activities are endless.

*Fraternally
Ray Bonia
Family Director*

State Youth Director

How fast the time has passed! The fraternal year will soon be over. This year we will have the 100th State Convention of Newfoundland and Labrador. I extend best wishes for the historic event.

It has been a great year for youth activities. I would like to thank all those who helped with those events. There was good participation in the state youth programs especially the free throw competitions.

The state winners for the Keep Christ in Christmas, the Substance Abuse and Drug Awareness Poster Contests as well as the Free Throw have been sent to the Supreme Council for international judging.

I encourage all Grand Knights to continue their support of the youth and youth groups in their communities whenever possible.

Have a safe and enjoyable 100th State Convention.

*Fraternally
John Thoms
State Youth Director*



State membership Director

Brother Knights, we are less than a month away from the 100th Anniversary Celebration of State Convention in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our goal for 150 New/Former Members was set last year and to this date, April 2, 2018, we have grown our Membership by 84 New/Former members. In the past couple of weeks, we have recruited 10-15 members to our ranks. If we can continue we should have 100+ New/Former by the beginning of our State Convention in St. John's at the end of April. This would be a very appropriate number to achieve since, as I already mentioned, it is the 100th Anniversary of State Convention for Newfoundland and Labrador. There are several Church drives planned during this month and as a result we should have no trouble reaching and exceeding the goal of 100 members by that time.

State Convention will give all participating councils an opportunity to meet and share ideas on strategies that have worked in your councils to GROW MEMBERSHIP. These ideas can encourage all councils, big and small, to become recruitment active. Every New/Former Member is a positive strength for each council, as well as for the worldwide organization of the Knights of Columbus. New/Former members add to all areas of society such as family, youth, Church, Community and especially our individual parishes which can use all the support they receive. More members mean more support for all involved and less work for those already involved in helping in all the areas listed above. They help share the load of other brother members.

After Convention is finished, I would encourage all councils to continue this positive work in Membership recruiting throughout May and June to take us to the end of the Columbian Year showing an elevated level of Growth in Membership in order to achieve Circle of Honour Status for our jurisdiction. At the rate we have been recruiting in the past month, if we attain the 100, member plateau by Convention date, we should be in a very positive position to reach 150 New/Former members by June 30, 2018 since May and June are traditionally strong months in RECRUITMENT in our jurisdiction.

In closing, I want to challenge each Knight in our jurisdiction to make a special effort to ASK a prospect to join the Knights of Columbus between now and the end of this Columbian Year. We, as an organization, will be much stronger because of recruiting a New/Former Member and that member you recruit will have the opportunity to share in the benefits that many of us have shared in for many years. Spread the news of the Knights of Columbus and let all eligible gentlemen and their families learn about the great works that we do as Knights.

I am looking forward to meeting and sharing our fraternity with all my Brother Knights at State Convention. Until then, keep up you great works in all you do, especially in MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT.

*Fraternally,
Pat Gambin Membership Director*

Scholarships

*Available to students who will graduate Grade XII with Honors in June 2018 and will be attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: **May 1, 2018.** Information and applications under **scholarships** on the Supreme Council website at www.kofc.org. In the upper right-hand corner click “for members”, click “programs”, click “scholarships” and select “Fourth Degree Pro Deo Pro Patria (Canada) Scholarships”. Complete member information order form, click “submit” and it should allow you to print the application.*

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We welcome Brother Suarez our new Field Agent on the West Coast of the Province.

Master of the Fourth Degree

A Century of Service for the Good of the Order and the Role of the Honor Guard

The Fourth Degree Emblem of the Knights of Columbus has a red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end points of the arms of the cross. It is known as the Isabella Cross. These knobs represent the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The traditional corporal works includes the admonition to “bury the dead”. The spiritual works advocate that we “comfort the afflicted” and “pray for the living and the dead.”

We must always remember our deceased members, families and clergy. That is a core value in the 4th degree presence as Honor Guards at funerals of deceased members, family, and clergy. This practice helps us to live out our Faith while at the same time comforting families during difficult end of life experiences through the practice of these good Works.

This is a brief record of some of the Good of the Order actions in the Avalon area in 2017 to 2018. Present in varying arrays were Honor Guards from all nine Avalon Assemblies on each occasion comprising Howley, Rawlins, Roche, Dalton, Purcell and Cabot Assemblies. I know Assemblies beyond the Avalon and in Labrador have similar experiences and I invite them to record and share them.

The Honor Guard showed our deep respect for the Relic of St. Francis Xavier displayed at the Basilica, St. John's on 5 January 2018;

In concluding I invite you to consider becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight? There are exemplifications of the 4th degree scheduled for May and June across the Province. Now gentlemen, will you please consider any barrier or hurdle in your life that would prevent you from stepping up and joining the Patriotic Degree. There may not be any?



*Fraternally
Derm Whelan
Master of Fourth Degree*

Editor's Note:

I would like to thank all contributors for your input into this edition of the Knightly News. It is only through your input and support that we can produce this newsletter. I look forward to meeting everyone at the 100th State Convention at the end of April

*Fraternally
Bob Miller
Editor*