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# Knightly News

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### State Deputies Message



Brothers, I hope you and your families enjoying the beautiful weather we continue to have. The children and grandchildren are back in school and life is becoming a regular routine for most of us. We have been busy over the summer adding 14 new members to our order in July and August. This year

Supreme has introduced a new membership challenge for Canada and will be awarding the Canada Cup to the winner. I am pleased to inform you that Newfoundland and Labrador are tied for first place after two months of competition. We are now entering the head to head phase of the competition where we will compete against each province on a monthly basis with the province getting the highest percentage gain will receive 5 points. Let's keep up the good work and let every council recruit at least one new member this year.

I was truly honored when you re-elected me as our State Deputy at our annual convention in April of this year. I am pleased to inform you that we have a full slate of District Deputies and full slate of Directors and Chairpersons. Thank you to each and every-one of you for agreeing to serve in the various offices. I truly look forward to working with you all and with all members of our great order throughout the coming year. I intend on continuing visiting councils in our jurisdiction throughout the Columbian year and I will make an extra effort to visit the councils I never visited last year.

Brothers, the more visible we are the more successful we will be in our recruiting efforts and the best way to do that is through our programs. Councils that are active with their programs are the councils that are able to attract new members. Active councils are successful councils.

"Faith in Action" which replace the "Surge with Service" program. The Faith in Action program has four program Areas; Faith, Family, Community and Life. The new Faith in Action Program integrates the Building the Domestic Church programs as a foundation of the model. Let's embrace this new program as we grow the order in our province.

On a personal note at the meeting of Canadian State deputies held in New Haven in June of this year I was honoured to be elected President of the Canadian Association of the Knights of Columbus. The term of office for this position is one year and will at the end of the current Columbian year.

Thank you and your families for all for the time and dedication that you give your councils and our order. I look forward to visiting all the councils in our jurisdiction.

Vivat Jesus Brian Hurley State Deputy

### State Chaplains Message



Dear Brother Knights:

This is my first message to you since my appointment as State Chaplain. It is an

honor for me to serve the Knights of Columbus in this capacity. I have already attended two State Executive meetings in Gander, where I reside, and a third is scheduled for early November in Conception Bay. It is an

inspiration for me to attend these organizational gatherings and witness the dedication of State Deputy, Brian and the other executive members. They are truly committed to the ideals of the Knights of Columbus and spend many hours in planning to ensure that good things happen throughout this great province.

There is a new program model now available, Faith in Action. This is what defines the Knights of Columbus in all its endeavors. It is interesting that lately on Sunday we have heard readings from the Letter of James who confirms scripturally this initiative. St. James cannot envision Christian faith without good works. The two, walk hand in hand. The Lord Jesus declared that his disciples would be known or recognized by their fruits. An active and authentic faith produces what is good in the home, in the community and in the Church. Our beloved Pope Francis has stated that, "Our Christian faith is concrete, if it is not concrete it is not Christianity". In other words, we put what we believe into practice in the service of God and neighbor.

Brother Knights, I look forward to serving you in my term as State Chaplain. It will be a privilege and a responsibility to join with you in our faith celebrations in Church and in the many deeds of practical charity to be undertaken in our Province in the name of the Knights of Columbus.

Sincerely, Father William Hearn State Chaplain

### State Secretaries Message



Brother Knights;

Summer has come and gone. We're now into the fall season, the kids are back in

school and councils are once again starting on the many program activities planned for the next few months.

As you are aware, though, several changes have been made to the Programs which are the lifeblood of all councils. Effective July first, there were no longer six Program areas. Supreme has reduced the number of Program Areas to four, incorporation parts of both the Youth and Council Program areas into the remaining four.

This doesn't mean though, that there will be fewer program activities carried out by councils. It simply means some activities will now come under a different Program area. For example, the Free Throw Basketball activity had been part of the Youth Program, but now it falls under a different program area, Community.

However, while the Basketball Free Throw may have changed program areas, it does and will continue to remain, one of the core programs conducted by Knights in all areas. It just falls under a program area.

The change in Program areas also means that councils are no longer required to have a Youth Director, nor a Council Director. The work done by those directors will now be handled by other members of the council executive.

And while Program areas may have changed, the need for members to participate to make these

events successful, has not changed. Brothers, we need you to play a part, so that your council will be successful. Do what you can, whenever you can!

We as knights need to do everything we can to encourage and support the programs of the Knights of Columbus, financially with our many resources, spiritually through our prayers and in action with our mentorship.

Brothers, I wish each and every council, and each and every member of the Knights of Columbus in this jurisdiction, a great year.

Gordon Lannon State Secretary

### State Treasurers Message



Brother Knights,

welcome back to the start of another Columbian year for all our councils after the summer

hiatus. At the time of the printing of this state newsletter, all councils will have already received your notice of the first half assessments for 2017-2018 and some councils will already have paid such assessments. I want to stress the importance of keeping these assessments current. Keeping dues and assessments current affects the council's standing with Supreme and State as well as making your council eligible for awards and benefiting from our Member Medical Travel Fund.

I would also encourage councils to send in Member Medical Travel claims on a timely basis instead of waiting until nearing the end of the Columbian year to submit a large number of claims at one time. There are two (2) reasons for this: (1) A large number of claims at one time for many different members complicates the issue of preparing cheques to a great extent and (2) your councils risk the chance that the Member Medical Travel Fund might be low on funds towards the end of the Columbian year and the full requested amount may not be available. It also allows councils who pay their members' travel up front to receive refunds to replenish their accounts on an on-going basis.

I want to encourage all councils to put forward a great effort in the sales of our Fall Sweep tickets as well as our \$ 40.00 Lottery tickets since these are the life blood of our jurisdiction. These ticket sales allow us to continue to operate our jurisdiction in a successful manner and support the many worthwhile causes and projects in which we are involved. Our sales were up last year compared to the past year and with everyone's support we can increase sales again this year. Let's do it!

I look forward to working with all the councils again this year and with your support we will have a great year.

Fraternally, Pat Gambin

### State Advocates Message



Greetings Brother Knights. Welcome to the new Colombian year. As your State Advocate it is my responsibility to ensure

that resolutions passed at last year's annual

convention in St. John's that address local issues. Are being implemented as best you can.

As well I will be looking at new resolutions for presentation at next year's annual meeting. The State Advocate also oversees the legal operations of the jurisdiction and I am available should issues arise of a legal nature that you require assistance on. Good luck to all our members on success for all your programs and increased membership for this year.

Regards Gary Gallagher State Advocate

### State Wardens Message



Brother Knights;

I wish to thank our State Deputy Brian Hurley and the other members of the

State Executive for appointing me as your State Warden for the remainder of this fraternal year.

Along with my State responsibilities, I will continue to be District Deputy for District Number 1.

With the end of the first quarter of the Columbian Year only weeks away, Councils should be well under way in their fraternal programs. *Faith in Action*, our new program, will challenge each of us as we grow in our faith and within the Order.

The growth of the Order is of prime importance and I challenge all Councils to actively recruit Catholic gentlemen. Make sure that every eligible man in your parish is encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus.

My wife Christine and I hope that everyone's summer was peaceful and relaxing. With our children and grand-children back in school for another academic year, we wish them success. I look forward to meeting many of you during the year.

Fraternally yours, Paul Baldwin State Warden

### Past State Deputies Message



Brother Knights, welcome to all the new Grand Knights and congratulations to all returning Grand Knights on being elected to represent your Council as their leader for the

2018-2019 Columbian Year.

This will be an exciting year with the introduction of the *Faith in Action* Programs, which replaces the Surge with Service. I am sure all councils and individual brother knights will design some fantastic new programs using Faith as a cornerstone along with implementing some of the recommended program initiatives from Supreme.

The redesign of our Programs with a strong focus on Faith is a great opportunity to recruit some of our former members. Every council has a significant list of former members and I am sure that some of those members are still interested in being a part of the Knights of Columbus Family, they just need to be invited to do so. Also remember inactive members on your former members list or your council roster count

as a new member and a new insurance member if they become a reinstated member. I have copied an excellent article from the 2016 April edition of Knightline, that will assist you with the recruitment of Former Knights.

all Canadian Jurisdictions This year are competing the for Canada Cup and Newfoundland and Labrador where successful in taking 1st place in August and tied for 1st place overall. Let's support our State Deputy in having Newfoundland and Labrador State Council be the first state name engraved on the Canada Cup and have the privilege of having it in our jurisdiction for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year.

Fraternally,
Emile Cabot IPSD
Former Members Recruitment

#### How to Recruit Former Members

Former Knights represent a pool of prospects that councils should not overlook when striving for membership growth. Although these men have left the Order, they generally remain familiar with the ideals of Columbianism. To successfully recruit former members, councils should:

- Appoint a special "Welcome Back, Brother" or "Operation ReMember" committee specifically to recruit former members. Past grand knights' familiar with circumstances of earlier departures are especially suited to serve on this committee.
- Obtain a list of former members (those who took withdrawals/suspensions) and inactive insurance members (those who took withdrawals/suspensions but maintain K of C insurance policies) from your financial secretary.

- Review the list to determine which former members are still eligible for membership.
- Prepare a presentation for former members, highlighting your council's new programs, activities, benefits and achievements.
- Contact each former member to arrange a personal visit or to invite them to a reception for former members.
- If planning a "Welcome Back" or formermember reception, use the open house procedures. Be sure to invite your council chaplain and insurance agent to speak at the event.
- Ask every former member to sign a Membership Document (#100) to renew their membership.

Remember, recruitment isn't just about former members. On Easter, many churches welcomed many men and women to the Catholic Church. Check with your pastor and ask whether he'd be willing to share the names of any men from his Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes who might be interested in the Knights. Be sure to invite them and their families to Knights-sponsored events, and introduce to them to the active members of your council so that they can develop familiarity with the Order

### District Deputy #1

Brother; I would like to invite all Brothers of District 1 to take an active role in this fraternal year. All Councils in the District: 1448 Dalton, Harbour Grace, 2223 Avalon, South River and 5902 Monsignor McCarthy, Carbonear, were

active during the past fraternal year and I know of no reason why this will not continue.

The challenge this Columbian year will be the implementation of our new service program, *Faith in Action*. I know the District is up to the challenge and I am confident that each council will achieve their goals. *Faith in Action* will not only allow each council to grow in our faith, but every brother and his family will grow in our faith.

Councils must grow to continue to do charitable acts. To grow, each council must recruit new members. Take advantage of State incentives and do not hesitate to ask for help from your District Deputy or any State Officer. Every Council has the potential to be a Star Council.

Congratulations to Monsignor McCarthy Council 5902 on receiving Star Council status for all their efforts during the past fraternal year. Keep up the good work.

I look forward to meeting with you all this year and to your upcoming installations. For those of you with children and grand-children that have started a new academic year, both my wife Christine and I wish them a safe and successful year.

Paul Baldwin
District Deputy # 1

### Faith in Action

### District Deputy #2

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy Brian, for asking me to serve as District Deputy for District #2.

District #2 consists of St. Teresa's 7702, Fr. Francis Jackman 9303, Holy Spirit 6742 and Avalon 6001.

This month three of the councils are about to have their first general membership meeting for this Columbian year, that is not to say that the councils haven't been active, far from it.

St. Teresa's is the only council in the district that has general membership meetings during the summer months.

Avalon Council is having a problem securing a venue for their meetings, hopefully something good will happen for them soon.

I'd like to thank all councils for their activities in Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism in the first two and half months of the 2018-2019 Columbian year and wish all Br. Knights an active and enjoyable and satisfying year.

Fraternally, Leonard Furlong District Deputy #2

### District Deputy #4

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights,

Worthy Master Of The Fourth Degree, Worthy Sir Knights, and Brother Knights.

It has been Four Years since I was appointed as District Deputy, and a sincere Thank You, to both State Deputies, Emile Cabot, Brian Hurley, and the State executive for their confidence in me over the past Four Years that I have served.

I want to thank the Councils that I represent they are: Terra Nova Council 1452 St.John's, Corpus Christi Council 7786 St.John's, Conception Council 1930, Bell Island.

To those Councils, you have done a Wonderful Job in the past, and I wish you all the best in the coming Fraternal Year.

Also, a thank you to the wives of all Officers for the support they have given their husbands.

In closing there is a couple of things I want to mention and that is attendance at the Councils Monthly Meetings. I encourage all executives, and their members to try to make a special effort to attend.

Also, I want to mention the Rosary, when there is a Rosary in your Council it would be nice to see as many as possible to attend. I encourage all Three Councils of my District, to live up to the Principles of our Order namely, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and Patriotism. As Knights we are so proud of and continue on with the work of Father McGivney and the support of our Church and Priests.

Fraternally, and Respectfully Submitted. John.C.Atkins P.F.N/DD/M District Deputy #4

### District Deputy #6

Brother Knights;

My name is Dave Mercer and I am the new District Deputy for District No. 6. The councils in my district consist of Msgr. Williams, Council 8640 in Kings Cove, Fr. McCormack Council 5796 in Gander, Ville Marie Council 10599 in Marystown. There was a successful Installation of Officers at Msgr. Williams Council 8640, King's Cove on September 30, 2018. The new Grand Knight there is Brother Hayward Dobbin. The Installation of Officers for Fr. McCormick Council, No. 5769, Gander, is scheduled for mid-October and Ville Marie Council 10599, Marystown, is expected to have theirs soon as well. I look forward to meeting the Councils in the coming weeks.

Regards,
Dave Mercer
District Deputy, #6

### District Deputy #7

Brother Knights,

Greetings from District #7, As the District Deputy for District #7 it is a pleasure to use this edition of Knightly News to extend fraternal greetings to all Brother Knights on behalf of Councils in my District. District #7 is comprised of Monsignor Finn Council # 5904 in Bishop's Falls, Father Hayes Council #7127 in Harbour Breton and St. Ignatius Council #13763 in St. Alban's. For the record Council 3315 in Buchans and Council 8725 in Norris Arm are also included in District 7.

Since my appointment as District Deputy it has been a pleasure to work with and assist Grand Knights Pat Kennedy, John Power and Kevin Organ as they prepare for this Colombian year.

A few interesting happenings on the go this fall in District #7 include technology training for Council Officers, Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers and any members who wish to avail of this training opportunity. This training is being facilitated by Brother Dennis Jones and will take place in St. Alban's on Saturday September 29th. This session promises to assist us as we carry out our duties and responsibilities. training will be especially helpful when we are interacting with Supreme Office. technology is the way to go when it comes to officer training and we are looking forward to the upcoming session.

Father Hayes Council in Harbour Breton is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Grand John Knight Power has been particularly busy gathering information and sponsors to print a special 40th anniversary booklet. This Booklet will contain the names of all former Council Chaplains, Past Grand Knights, Charter Members, Deceased members, Family of the year recipients as well as Knight of the year winners. A list of Honorary Members and Honorary Life members along with 4th Degree Members will also be included. The booklet will contain information on Father Hayes and will also have fraternal greetings and best wishes from supporters of the K of C. Grand Knight Power extends sincere gratitude to all councils who supported this project by purchasing an ad in the anniversary booklet.

Fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful Colombian Year from District #7

Vivat Jesus John George District Deputy #7

### District Deputy #9

Brothers Knights, Firstly I want to introduce myself as Keith Kean, the District Deputy for district #9. It is an honor to serve as your State Deputies representative for the second year of my term. As we start the new Columbian year, I look forward to installing the council officers in my three active councils, Archbishop Howley Council 2581 in Corner Brook, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council 8555 in Pasadena and MSGR Brennan Council 8749 in Deer Lake. With the changes in the program formatting this year, I certainly look forward to working with my Councils in implementing these changes.

Fraternally Keith Kean District Deputy #9

### District Deputy #10

Brother Knights; I would like to first of all, thank our Worthy State Deputy Brian Hurley for putting his confidence in me and appointing me as District Deputy again this year for district #10. The councils I represent are Father P.J. Cooney 9789 in the Codroy Valley, Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville. I conducted the district meeting in Stephenville on August 11, 2018 with all three Councils being very well represented. There was a total of 24 Brother Knights in attendance. The meeting focused on the new program format of Faith in Action, membership, the importance of keeping all reports up to date, Past State Deputy Brother

Max Snow conducted a presentation on protocol and the importance of protocol at all council functions.

We are currently looking at the possibility of putting the history of the Knights of Columbus along with other material pertaining to the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus in the back of Church bulletins. We are looking at doing this over possibly a 3-4-week period. This is still in the planning stages but so far, the response looks very favorable.

The installation of Council Officers is scheduled to take place at all Council meetings this month in my district.

Fraternally Ron Aucoin District Deputy #10

### State Program Director

Greetings Brothers. Welcome to the new Columbian year and the first year of our new program model "Faith in Action". Four programs in each category under Faith, Family, Community and Life have been indicated and completing just four programs under each category then will meet the Star Program requirements. Your State program chairmen for each of the four categories have been appointed and will working with you to assist in carrying out any programs listed in the Faith in Action program booklet. Grand Knights, Council Executives and District Deputies should meet early and find the best programs that will work best for your council.

This year, Supreme have introduced a new ICON which will also be made available in the coming months. Please contact the ICON coordinator for your region to arrange for devotions in your parish.

Best of luck to all our Councils on success for all programs and increased membership for this year

Regards
Gary Gallagher
State Warden
State Program Director

### State Community Director

Brothers Knights,

Firstly, I want to introduce myself, Brother Keith Kean, the State Community Director. Faith in Action's Community sector includes following programs: Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Preparedness, Free Throw Championship, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, and Helping Hands (a new program for this year). Community Director, I'd like to advise Councils that the Grand Knights and Program Directors have to complete training in ARMATUS as well as the Community Director has to have a background check. These training programs can be found within the Safe Environment – Office of youth protection. Please ensure that the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) is completed including all member e-mail addresses. To date, only 37 courses have been completed by your users, 91% of your users have completed at least one course. I look forward to working with all Councils in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally Keith Kean State Community Director

# Financial Secretaries Training Coordinator

Brother Knights; here it is September and I have a few reminders that may interest you.

It won't be long before it will be time to run the dues assessments for your council and get the bills out to the membership. Actually, December 15 is the magic date but you can prepare and run the assessments a little prior to that date. You can produce the bills for regular mailing, for emailing, or both. If you have collected members' email addresses, the bills can be sent via email... a great saving on postage. Now is the time to look for those email addresses at your monthly meetings! Don't forget to confirm the addresses that you may already have!

Make sure that you have the correct card forms on hand or order them from Supreme in a timely manner. Remember when you are ready to print your cards, save the file to your computer and then reload that file and print from it. I don't know why but this helps with the alignment problem that some of us have experienced.

If you haven't been using the membership management and billing system to do your financial recording, then this is a great time to start. The system is preloaded with various accounts that are required but you can add as many, or as few accounts to tailor it to your needs. There is a bit of work in setting it up, but you will find it is just as much a time saver as you found when you switched to the system for the annual billing cycle. It makes life easier!

The training portals available through the system cover so much material that you will be amazed. Some of the sessions are very short... 8 to 10 minutes. These could be used at your monthly meetings for the good of the order topic. Have a look and see what you can use and how it would benefit your council. The work in putting it together is already done. All you have to do is deliver it.

There are many other helpful features available on the Supreme site and through the membership management and billing system. Poke around and have a look, it will be worth your while!

Fraternally,
Dennis Jones,
State Financial Training Coordinator.

### State Membership Director

Brother Knights,

Welcome back after the Summer break. I hope and trust everyone had a relaxing and safe Summer. We are getting back into the swing of things with our regular monthly meetings beginning in September for all of our councils. Some councils have had their first meeting already while other councils will hold their first meeting in the next couple of weeks. Some councils have been active in recruitment during July and August which has helped get a few new

members for our jurisdiction. This has given those active councils a head starts in reaching their goals in membership for the Columbian year 2018-2019. Thank you to those councils and good luck with continuing with a successful year in membership recruitment throughout this Columbian year.

As in past years, I want to stress the importance of every council and every member becoming involved with recruitment. Last year we had a very success year and we look forward to improving on those results this year by reaching our goal for the jurisdiction. To do this, we must address membership at every meeting and keep it in the forefront on our meeting agenda each month. Promote the incentives that are available from State, Supreme and local councils that may/should have their own incentives in place to encourage members to recruit new or former members.

Brothers, as in past years, I hope to get a monthly message out to all councils concerning membership recruitment and I would encourage all councils to go online and look at what successful jurisdictions and councils do to increase membership. Take a positive approach toward recruiting and take the first and the most important step and <u>ASK</u> a prospective member to join the Knights of Columbus TODAY.

Let's get out there and find NEW/FORMER members to join our ranks. Remember that **RECRUITMENT IS EVERY MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY!!** 

Fraternally, Pat Gambin State Membership Director

### Knights of Columbus Men of Faith Men of Action

### **Membership Incentives**

Brothers, there are several incentives available from Supreme and from State for any Brother who recruits a new member.

Supreme Incentive: The top 10 Recruiters and their spouses of the Insurance Territories will receive a complimentary trip to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota and will sit at the Supreme Knight's Reserved Tables during the State Dinner. The top recruiter will receive the Top Recruiter Plaque during the Awards Session.

### **State Membership Incentives**

- 1. A member that recruits a member in July, August and/or September will receive \$50 for the first member recruited and \$25 for each additional member.
- 2. The member who recruits the most members, a minimum of 5 members, will receive \$200, if more than 1 member with the same number than \$200 will be divided equally.
- 3. A District Deputy who holds a district meeting in July or August will receive \$25.
- 4. A District Deputy has a Star Council(s) will receive \$25 for each Star Council.
- 5. A District Deputy that achieves Star District will receive \$100

### Canada Cup Update

Worthy State Deputies

Well...the leader board is certainly tight at the top. Congratulations to Brian Hurley and the Newfoundland/Labrador team. With seven new members late last week, they took the top spot for August and pulled into a three-way tie with Ontario & New Brunswick for the top spot. Also, congratulations to Dan Heffernan & the Ontario team - and Charles Edouard Lirette & the New Brunswick team - for back-to-back solid months.

Now we move into September and the head-to-head games, which present a real opportunity to improve your position in the standings. For example, if BC defeats Alberta, they could move into first place if the three jurisdictions above them all lose their games. Conversely, if Alberta wins, they will jump ahead of BC into fourth place. And those jurisdictions at the bottom of the leader board can make up ground in a hurry by winning their game. BOTTOM LINE - Labour Day was yesterday. For those councils who took the Summer off...break's over. Time to start recruiting.

I'll send each of you an individual communication highlighting where you are compared to last year for the three key indicators (Intake, Net and True Growth). In short, July was very strong, but August was only so-so. We beat last August in intake, but only by three (220 this year vs. 217 last year). And as we all know, barely better than last year isn't going to be good enough. Intake last September was 216...a 30% increase over that (my goal) is 281. Let's make it happen.

### **Scholarships**

Knights of Columbus Scholarships are Available to students who graduated Grade XII with Honors in June 2018 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: October 31, 2018. Information and applications are available under scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org.

Fraternally Maurice Lewis State Scholarship Chairman

### Center for Life

The Centre for Life will be having the Fall Festival of Friends on Saturday Oct. 13 at Corpus Christi Complex on Waterford Bridge Road. There will be a silent auction and entertainment. Doors open at 5:45 pm, soup, sandwiches, sweets, tea/coffee will be served at 6:30 pm and entertainment starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 single, \$35:00 double and are available at the office by calling 579-1500 or can be picked up at Corpus Christi, St. Patrick's, St. Teresa's and Mary Queen of the World parish offices. A great night of live entertainment to "Celebrate Life". Performances from D'Arcy Broderick, FRESHWATER, CLOSE QUARTERS, Barbara Ashley School of Dance, Madeline Thomson, Conway, and The Walsh Family. Proceeds in aid of the Centre for Life's community outreach and support services. Visit our website line new on at www.centreforlife.ca

### Safe environment Compliancy

### **Knights of Columbus Policy**

The Order expects that the grand knight and the family and/or community director be present at all activities sponsored by the council where minor children are present to ensure that all Safe Environment policies and procedures are followed.

All Knights of Columbus activities where minor children are present require at least one member who has been trained and background checked and there should never be fewer than two fully trained members in attendance.

For all the information regarding the Safe Environment program visitkofc.org/safe.

Effective July 1, 2018, safe environment training and background checks are valid for three years. Any member completing the safe environment training and/or background check prior to July 1 will only be valid for two years.

The grand knight and program director must complete the three required safe environment training modules within 30 days of notification by Praesidium, the Order's strategic partner in safe environments and youth protection.

If you have further questions relating to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Policy, you may contact the Office of Youth Protection atoyp@kofc.org or 203-752-4558.

## Safe Environment

### Master of the Fourth Degree

Here is a brief report from the Supreme Master, S.K. Dennis Stoddard, that gives a State of the Degree summary. It was delivered last week at the Master's Annual Meeting in Halifax N.S. I have taken the highlights, alluding to them in point form.

"Each District Master shall hold 2 ceremonials and institute one new Assembly each fraternal year.

32 of 127 Masters instituted 41 new Assemblies.

On June 2018 the order wide 4<sup>th</sup> Degree membership of 364,131 members, an increase of 5,224 members or an 18.5 % increase.

In order to grow the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree we need a minimum of 2% membership growth over death and suspensions each year.

The age categories of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members is: Age 18 - 19 6,821 up from 6,642 last year

Age 30-44 28,905 up from 28,591

Age 45-64 137,585 down from 137,956

Age 65-Over 190,814 up from 185,707

328,399 members are over age 45 and the average age of our members is 64.

We lost 8,227 brother knights to death this year down by 110. There were 2,090 suspensions mostly due to 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree suspensions and 232 withdrawals.

We had 449 Assemblies earn the civic award last year. That's 13% of our Assemblies.

New Assemblies will be established in Okinawa and Belgium this year and a second in district in South Korea.

The number of Exemplifications held last year was 232.

There was no new Assembly established in all 4 KofC Provinces in Canada last year. How can an entire Country not institute one Assembly?"

In NL last year we held 7 ceremonials: 2 in St. John's and one in each of Stephenville, Corner Brook, St. Alban's, Marystown, and Bishop's Falls with 35 new members. So the average per ceremonial was 5 new members per Assembly.

This year I have tentatively scheduled 3 Exemplification on the Avalon and Burin Peninsulas. In 2019 the schedule will include 4 Exemplifications west of Clarenville and one more in St. John's. The problem distressing us is the great number of men who commit but are unable or unwilling to attend our exemplifications. We need to overcome this problem. Last year at least at we had at least 35 men in this category.

Derm Whelan District Master NL



### Life Insurance Awareness Month

- September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future is protected.
- Nearly everyone needs life insurance.
- Remember, you can't get life insurance coverage once you need it. Don't wait until it's too late.
- The top 3 most common reasons for owning life insurance are: to cover burial and final expenses, help replace lost wages/income of a wage earner, and to transfer wealth or leave an inheritance.
- The number one reason consumers do not purchase life insurance is because they worry it's too expensive.
- Over half of consumers do not have a financial advisor. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional brother Knight field agent to call your own.
- There are hundreds of life insurance companies in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to *you*.
- *Insurance for brother Knights, by brother Knights* means something concrete, and it's something we should all be proud of.
- Today, our insurance program protects hundreds of thousands of families, with more than \$109 billion of life insurance in force. Last year alone, Knights of Columbus widows and their families received more than \$400 million in death benefits.
- We offer a complete portfolio of top-quality customizable products designed to fit your family's needs and budget.
- Being *your* insurance company also means that we have to be ethical, responsible, Catholic and charitable just as you would expect, and we are.
- •The Knights of Columbus has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the 2018 World's Most Ethical Companies.
- •We have won this distinction for five consecutive years and are one of only three companies in the life insurance category.
- •The Knights of Columbus has earned superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best for 42 consecutive years.
- •The Knights of Columbus adheres to a strict investment screening protocol.
- •The Knights of Columbus support local communities through programs such as Disaster Relief, Christian Refugee Relief, Coats for Kids, Food for Families and blood drives. Knights also give assistance to Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and other large-scale charitable organizations.
- That's why you and your family should always look first to the Knights of Columbus when it comes to your life insurance, retirement, long-term care, and disability insurance needs because we, unlike any other company, are in this business for you and with you.

All members and families should be informed about our insurance and investment products. Call your agent today and book an appointment. It could be the most important appointment you will ever make.

### Field agents:

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### State Lottery Review

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, as you are aware the State Executive has set up a Lottery Review Committee as per Resolution # 23 that was accepted at State Convention in St. John's in April 2018.

We have set a deadline of Sunday, September 23, 2018 for councils to have input into this review of the two (2) State-sponsored lotteries i.e.: Fall Sweep and the \$40.00 Lottery.

Councils/individual members that wish to give input/opinions on this matter are asked to forward such information to any or all the members on the Review Committee whose names are listed below.

The Committee members are: Pat Gambin--State Treasurer Jerry Barker--Chairman, State Lottery Committee

Bob Miller--Grand Knight, Stephenville Council # 3742.

Gerry Puddister--Grand Knight St. Paul's Council # 11776.

Paul Shallow--Financial Secretary, Ville Marie Council # 11599, Marystown.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Brothers; this was the message that was sent out to all Councils on August 8, 2018. Due to some Councils not meeting until some-time in September, it was agreed by the committee to extend the deadline until September 30, 2018.

There will be a full report presented at the winter meetings which will take place on December 1, 2018

Fraternally.
Pat Gambin
Review Committee Chairman

### State Lottery

Brother Knights; by know you should be well underway with the sale of the Fall Tickets. All tickets and monies must be turned in at the registration table at the winter meetings taking place December 1, 2018. Please note that a separate check should be presented with all tickets sold.

### Ceremonial Baldric Usage

Knights of Columbus

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Gary R. Nolan

Vice President for Fraternal Education, Training and Ceremonials

FROM: Patrick E. Kelly, Deputy Supreme Knight Fation 1. Kn

DATE: September 14, 2018

RE: Ceremonial Baldric Usage

The Knights of Columbus ceremonial baldric was first introduced in 2005 as a replacement for ceremonial robes, which were expensive to replace, outdated and often ill-fitting. The distinctive ceremonial baldric positively identifies Knights of Columbus, especially when worn with suitable attire, the medal of office and name badge. The ceremonial baldric also carries no prohibition on public view. Therefore, use of ceremonial baldric is preferred and highly encouraged for wear at council functions, parish activities and community and civic functions.

The ceremonial baldric is available to be ordered from our official suppliers: In the United States: The English Company, 1-800-444-5632 or <a href="https://www.kofcsupplies.com">www.kofcsupplies.com</a> In Canada: Entreprises Roger Sauve, LTD, 1-888-266-1211 or <a href="https://www.roger-sauve.com">www.roger-sauve.com</a>

District Deputies will be allowed to order one ceremonial baldric for personal use at the beginning of their appointment term; Conferring Officers will be allowed to order four ceremonial baldrics for personal and team usage. The regular size will fit most; however, the baldric is available in longer lengths upon request from the supplier at an additional cost. Both ODs and COs will be reimbursed for the cost on their expense account, as long as the receipt is attached.

The ceremonial baldric should be positioned over the right shoulder, extending to the left hip and the Knights of Columbus emblem should be centered upon the chest of the presenter. Small safety pins can be used to affix the baldric to stay positioned correctly. It shall preferably be worn with a dark suit and the officer medal of office. Only the Emblem of the Order should be worn on the left lapel.

cc: Supreme Officers Board of Directors State Deputies
State Ceremonials
Chairmen Conferring Officers
District Deputies Grand Knights

Brother Knights and Families My name is Gilles Seguin, I am your General Agent responsible for our Insurance program in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador. I take tremendous pride in our program along with making sure all of our members and their Spouses are educated on what we can do for them and their Families. As a Member, you have access to one of the greatest Insurance programs in the world, not to mention what we donate to Charity year after year. We are the financial engine of the Knights of Columbus and we hope that if you are going to do any Legacy planning you would do it with your organization that you believe in so much. The purpose of this email is to educate you on what is available to you and your Family in regards to Legacy Planning through the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. We have many options that you may not be aware of. I recently spoke to our Fraternal Leaders and their spouses at both the Convention in St John's and in Halifax. The topic of Legacy Planning brought forth a lot of questions and inquiries. I thought it would be beneficial to reach out to more of our members via email to make sure everyone has an opportunity to leave a Legacy through the use of Life Insurance.

I will touch on a few products that I feel are well positioned with regards to leaving money for your Family, charity or the church. But there are many more options available,

I suggest you sit with your assigned Field Agent to be brought up to speed.

### **Survivorship Universal Life (Second to Die)**

This is an amazing product if you are looking to leave money for your children, grandchildren, children with special needs, charity, church, estate taxes and so on. The death benefit only pays out when the 2nd of the 2 individuals insured passes away. The minimum death benefit is \$250,000 and the premium can be paid in the time frame of your choice.

### Single Premium Whole Life

This product allows you to use a lump sum payment of either unregistered money or RRSP money to create a larger death benefit.

These are just 2 examples of the type of planning we can help you with.

Please let me know if you are interested in discussing the possibilities of leaving a Legacy for your Family.