

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Minutes of the**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention**  
**The Capital Hotel, St. John's NL.**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2018**

The 100<sup>th</sup> State Convention of Newfoundland and Labrador jurisdiction was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the State Deputy Brian Hurley. The opening prayer was offered by the State Chaplain Bishop Peter Hundt.

The State Warden Gary Gallagher moved that the rules be relaxed to allow the wives to attend the opening session, which was seconded by Brother Kevin Dormody Terra Nova Council # 1452 and carried. The Stated Deputy welcomed the ladies and the opening ode was sung. The introduction of the head table followed. Supreme Representative Brother Paul Perry, Chaplain Bishop Peter Hundt, Master 4<sup>th</sup> Degree S.K. Dermot Whalen, State Treasurer Pat Gambin, State Secretary Gordon Lannon. A special welcome was also extended to eleven Past State Deputies who were in attendance. Emile Cabot, Baden Clouter, Max Snow, Maurice Lewis, William O'Rielly, Ronald Glavine, William J. Penney, Edward J. LaCour, Michael Tobin, Gerald Glavine and Nicholas Hurley. District Deputies in attendance were Paul Baldwin, Gary Gallagher, Ray Bonia, John Atkins, Brendan Vickers, Jonathan Gaye, Keith Kean, Ron Aucoin and Edward Conway. Also present were Brother Gilles Sequin our Field Agent along with Agents Brother Maurice Lewis, Brian Kennedy, Terry Tibbs and our newest Hector Suarez.

The State Deputy then proceeded to show the video of welcome by the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson who spoke on our successes and accomplishments. He advised us that a new online program for membership is now in effect. There are many changes in regards to the membership campaign program. A new Fourth Degree uniform was introduced this year. He stated that the stakes are high for our order and outlined the success of our insurance program. Finally he thanked everyone for their service and effort during the past year and wished us success in the year ahead.

The State Deputy then introduced the Master Sir Knight Dermot Whalen who was in the new uniform (regalia) of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree to stand and be recognized. Following this the State Deputy gave his annual report.

## **State Deputy's Report**

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### **Introduction**

Your Grace Archbishop Currie, Worthy State Chaplain, Your Excellency Bishop Hundt, Worthy Supreme Representative Paul Perry, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights. Worthy Master, Worthy Faithful Navigators, Worthy Past Faithful Navigators,

Worthy State Directors, General Agent Brother Gilles Seguin, Field Agents, Delegates, Brother Knights and Ladies. I extend a sincere welcome to our 100<sup>th</sup> State Convention.

I would ask that in the interest of time, anyone addressing this Convention, please use the greeting “My Brothers”.

On behalf of all Brother Knights in this jurisdiction, I extend a special welcome to the Ladies and families present. I express sincere thanks and appreciation to the spouses of our members for the continued support given to their husbands and in many cases their involvement in the many activities of the Knights of Columbus. My Brother Knights, please stand and join with me in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to our ladies. I also express sincere appreciation to the members of the State Executive for their dedication and work in ensuring the events and activities for this Convention were in order.

A special welcome to Archbishop Currie, who is a former State Chaplain and a strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus. Archbishop Currie will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday May 11, 2018. Let us all take this opportunity to congratulate Archbishop Currie on reaching such a tremendous milestone. I welcome

our State Chaplain, His Excellency Bishop Hundt. We thank him for finding time in his busy schedule to accept the role of State Chaplain and for arranging his schedule to be with us this weekend. This is Bishop Hundt's last convention as our State Chaplain as his term ends at end of this Columbian Year, thank you Bishop Hundt. I know I speak for everyone here when I say we have enjoyed your time as State Chaplain and found your words to us inciteful and inspiring. I offer a special welcome to Supreme Representative Brother Paul Perry and his wife Charlene. Please give Brother Paul and Charlene a hearty Newfoundland and Labrador welcome.

In April 2017 when I was elected State Deputy of this Jurisdiction, I felt blessed and express my appreciation for the confidence and trust you placed in me to lead the Knights of Columbus for the fraternal year 2017-2018. I hope that I have lived up to that trust and confidence. In concurrence with the Laws of the Order and State Council By-Laws, it is my privilege and duty to conduct the business of our order at this Annual General Meeting with my first duty being the presentation of my Annual Report.

## **First State Council**

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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State council.

In the presence of my Brother Knights and their families, I renew our commitment to our Holy Catholic Church, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Currie, Bishop Daniels, Bishop Hundt, and all our Priests. We will continue to be the strong right arm of the church. I also renew our loyalty and dedication to our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors.

## **State Executive**

To carry out the many responsibilities of State Deputy, it is imperative to have a strong supportive, dedicated team with you, and indeed that is the case in this jurisdiction. This team of Brother Knights has been dedicated and committed to the responsibilities of their respective offices and has certainly made my job as State Deputy a most enjoyable task. These Brother Knights have worked tirelessly in the execution of their duties. Charity, Unity and Fraternity have always guided them in their actions. Brothers, thank you for the friendship, support and assistance given me during my first term of office.

## **District Deputies**

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of our District Deputies or the “men in the middle” as they are known throughout the Knights of Columbus World. These Brother Knights are crucial to the continuance of this jurisdiction. The success of our Subordinate Councils depends a great deal on the guidance and assistance provided by the District Deputy. They are the “eyes” and “ears” of the State Executive in the regions that they serve. As a way of tangibly recognizing District Deputies for their work, State Executive introduced the “Brother Ron Patterson Award” to be presented to the District Deputy of the year. District

Deputy Brother Gary Gallagher was named recipient of this award at our July Organizational meeting. He was presented with two plaques, one individual and one perpetual plaque. To all District Deputies I extend a sincere thank you for your dedication and commitment to help grow the Order in this Jurisdiction.

District 1 Brother Paul Baldwin

District 2 Brother Gary Gallagher

District 3 Brother Ray Bonia

District 4 Brother John Atkins

District 5 Brother Brendan Vickers

District 6 Brother Gary Keough

District 7 Brother Patrick Pittman

District 8 Jonathan Gaye

District 9 Brother Keith Kean

District 10 Brother Ron Aucoin

District 11 Brother Edward Conway

I also acknowledge and remember Brother Lawrence Hynes, District Deputy 10, who covered the western portion of our province, namely OLPH, Stephenville; Our Lady of Assumption, Stephenville Crossing and Father P. J. Cooney, Codroy Valley who passed in

December. Larry was serving his first year as District Deputy. We ask you to keep Larry's family, especially his wife Sheila in your thoughts and prayers.

## **State Directors**

In all Jurisdictions the State Executive has to have help in carrying out the work of the Knights of Columbus. A team of State Personnel is appointed each year to assist with this work. This year we have a team that is working diligently to grow this Order.

Membership/Recruitment Chairman Brother Pat Gambin

Council Retention/Reactivation Chairman Brother William O'Rielly, PSD

Former/Inactive Members Chairman Brother Emile Cabot

Membership Retention Chairman Brother Pat Gambin

Forms / Reports Chairman Brother Gordon Lannon

Program Director Brother Gary Gallagher

Council Director Brother Gary Gallagher

Church Director Brother Jonathan Gaye

Family Director Ray Bonia

Youth Director Brother John Thoms



Community Director Brother Keith Kean

Culture of Life Director Brother Eugene Hurley

Free-Throw /Soccer Challenge Chairman Brother John Thoms

Special Olympics Chairman Brother David Delaney

Ceremonial Chairman Brother William O'Reilly, PSD

Round Table Chairman Brother Pat Hayward

New Council Development Chairman Brother Pat Hayward

Culture of Life Couple Brother Eugene Hurley and Ellen Merrigan

Insurance Chairman Brother Maurice Lewis, PSD

Newsletter Editor Brother Robert Miller

Public Relations Chairman Brother Robert Miller

Scholarship Chairman Brother Maurice Lewis, PSD

Webmaster Brother Pat Craig, PSD

State Lotteries Chairman Brother Jerry Barker

State Lottery Committee Brother Eugene Hurley

State Lottery Committee Brother Dave Delaney

Financial Secretary Training Coordinator Brother Dennis Jones

State Training Officer Brother Gerard Butt

I thank each of these Brother Knights for their commitment to grow the membership and promote the many programs undertaken in our jurisdiction.

### **State Deputies Orientation**

The annual State Deputy's meeting for new and re-elected State Deputies was held in New Haven, Connecticut from June 8-11, 2017. I was honored to represent this jurisdiction. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, along with Supreme Directors, Supreme Personnel and Membership and Program Coordinators conducted these meetings.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson outlined the goals and objective of the Order for 2017-2018. These meetings were intensive and consisted of small group sessions that focussed on membership growth, membership retention and reactivation, ceremonials, insurance growth, service programs, growth and development. The Highlight of our visit was attending mass at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of our Order and sitting in the Newfoundland and Labrador pew where so many State Deputies and their wives sat before and being installed as the State Deputy of NL. Following mass, we attended a breakfast in the basement of St. Mary's Church. It was a memorable experience to see the artifacts in the Church, especially the Sarcophagus where our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney is laid to rest.

## **Organizational Meeting**

The District Deputies Organizational Meetings and newly elected Grand Knight's School were held in Gander, July 7- 9, 2017. These meetings were held to outline the responsibilities and duties of the District Deputies. The Goals and objectives of State Council are laid down for the year and District Deputies are instructed on ways and means to achieve these goals and objectives. During the meetings, a training session was also held for State Council Directors. At the Organizational meeting a *"First Time Elected Grand Knights School"* was conducted. The purpose of this session is to inform and discuss the roles and responsibilities of Grand Knights in their Councils. I thank members of the Executive and Personnel who conducted the sessions and for their time in preparing the materials for the meetings. This year for the first time we had our State training officer Brother Gerard Butt with us, we thank Gerard for agreeing to serve as our State Training officer.

## **Supreme Convention**

The 135<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri August 1-3, 2017. Our jurisdiction was represented by, State Secretary Gordon Lannon and his wife Marg, Brother John Healey and his wife Jackie, Immediate Past State Deputy Emile Cabot and his wife Mary, and by me your State Deputy and my wife Bev.

In his Annual Report to the 135<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention, the Supreme Knight announced that our Convention Theme is *“Convinced of God’s Love and Power.”*

Our Supreme Knight reported that our charitable giving’s in 2016 increased by more than \$2.4 million to a record of more than \$177.5 million. Texas led all jurisdictions with charitable donations of \$9.2, Ontario, was the only Canadian jurisdiction in the top 10. The number of hours volunteered by Knights climbed to a new record high of 75.1 million hours and a volunteer hour is valued at \$24.14, Ontario and Quebec were the only Canadian jurisdiction in the top 10. On average, each brother Knight dedicated 39 hours of volunteer service in 2016-17. Last year, Supreme added 279 new Councils, for a total of 15,589 councils order wide. For the 45<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the membership has grown and at the end of 2016-2017 reached a record of 1,941,728.

Christian relief has been a focal point for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. This support has taken two forms. First since 2014, with your help and that of the public, the Knights of Columbus has raised more than \$18 million for Christian refugees. As of December 31, 2017, more than \$16 million has been distributed to provide clothing, shelter,

education and medical care to persecuted Christians in the middle east. Second, the Knights of Columbus advocates on the behalf of Christians in the hope that someday they may live their faith in peace and live in their own communities not as second-class citizens but as free and equal citizens.

Knights have also pledged \$2 million dollars to rebuild the town of Karamles, a Christian town destroyed by ISIS in Iraq.

### **Supreme Mid-Year Meeting of State Deputies**

The annual mid-year meeting of State Deputies was held November 20 – 22, 2015 in Washington, DC. As the meetings continued, the state deputies participated in breakout sessions and workshops with the Order’s membership program consultants. Discussions highlighted the building blocks already in place for steady, consistent growth: One New Member per Council per Month.

### **State Mid Year Meetings**

The Mid Year meeting of our Jurisdiction took place in Gander, December 1-3, 2017. State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Program Directors and State Membership Team were in attendance. I thank Brother Pat Gambin and his Membership team for the planning and work that went into organizing and conducting the membership session. State Secretary Brother Gordon Lannon and the State Program Team presented a review of State Council Programs in each of the respective program areas. I thank Brother Gordon and the Program team for delivering that portion of the session.

### **Council Visitations**

Since the beginning of the fraternal year your State Executive has met on seven occasions to conduct the business of this Jurisdiction. These meetings were held in Corner Brook, St. John's and Pasadena. I thank all State Officers for their attendance at these meetings and their valuable input and the follow up on all the discussions that were part of each meeting.

To promote better communications and understanding between the State Board and Subordinate Councils, State Deputy and State Officers have availed of every opportunity to visit Councils. Council visitations allow the members to meet State Officers and to discuss

issues and concerns that affect them. In addition to Conception, we have one other council in our jurisdiction that has reached a significant milestone this year and I would like to acknowledge them now, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cabot Council, 6001, Avondale.

To date as State Deputy, I have visited 21 councils. State Officers and District Deputies have represented me at other Council functions when I was not available. I will continue visiting Councils for the remainder of the Columbian year. I extend a sincere thank you for the hospitality, fraternity and attention to protocol extended to me and the State Officers and District Deputies during our visits.

As we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Convention our Jurisdiction is blessed with several Past State Deputies who continue to be involved and contribute. We have many of them here this weekend.

### **Fourth Degree**

The Fourth Degree is indeed the showcase of our order. It is how most Knights of Columbus are recognized. We are very grateful Worthy Master, Sir Knight Dermot Whalen, Faithful Navigators, and all Sir Knights for your dedication and commitment to our Order. We thank you for promoting the Rosary particularly the annual Rosary and Light

procession at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's. Your commitment to the Annual High School Public Speak-Off is well known and greatly appreciated. Our youth are the beneficiaries of your efforts in this project. As State Deputy, I strongly encourage all Third-Degree members to take the Patriotic Degree of our order. At the 135<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention the Supreme Board of Directors unveiled a new fourth degree uniform consisting of a jacket and beret. This was the first change to the uniform in many years.

## **Public Relations**

Public Relations is key to success and for the Knights of Columbus this is no different. Communication is the key at all levels. Brother Bob Miller our Newsletter Editor along with your help by providing articles has published three newsletters this year with another due out before the end of June. Newsletters are a vital component of our communications package to our Brother Knights and visitors to our Website. Starting in July of this year four pages of Columbia Magazine will be dedicated strictly to Canadian content. The Supreme office has asked each jurisdiction to appoint a liaison for working with the Fraternal Missions and Communications staff to identify outstanding and noteworthy council activities. Brothers I have reviewed the program reports that were submitted to State for this past year and there are lots



of outstanding activities in this jurisdiction. I am asking every Grand Knight to appoint a person who will be responsible for submitting your reports to our liaison.

Our Webmaster Chairman, Past State Deputy Brother Pat Craig has been looking after our website for many years. Brother Craig continues to update information to keep our members well informed as to what is happening in our Jurisdiction. Our website has become a tremendous resource for our members and can be found at [www.kofcni.org](http://www.kofcni.org). This past year we experienced some difficulties when we had to find a new host for our web page. Hopefully these problems are behind us as we move forward.

### **Provincial Youth Adult Committee**

One of the challenges facing our order the age of our members, not only in this province but right across the Canada and the United States. The Supreme Office are taking steps to try and address this problem. They are establishing “Provincial Young Adult Committees” in each jurisdiction. These committees will be comprised of members of the Knights of Columbus 40 years old or younger, identified at Supreme Council listings and appointed by the State Deputy. The size of the committee will be between 4 – 6 members and will meet at least

quarterly. These meetings will take place either in person at a single location or through any appropriate communications method (conference call, skype, video chat etc).

## **Membership**

Supreme Knight Anderson said, “Our ability to do good in countless communities around the world is directly related to the growth and vitality of our membership. Inviting men to join us not only helps each man who joins, it also helps those in need.”

In our jurisdiction as of April 1, we have a total membership of 5305 which represents a net lost of 20 members since April 1, 2017. When I was elected in Gander last year as your State Deputy I set the Circle of Honour as our goal, a fitting goal for our 100<sup>th</sup> convention. Membership growth for this year as of April 1, stood at 84 members and our goal is 150. This means we need another 66 members over the next two months. Remember Brothers that membership is the life blood of our Order. Membership growth must be maintained for our Councils to remain viable. Do not sit back for the next 10 weeks and wait for the fraternal year to end, please go back to your Councils determined to invite new members to join our council before year end. One member

per council per month will ensure we end the year achieving the Circle of Honour.

We have 9 Round Tables registered and our Supreme quota for this year is 25. Every Parish in this Jurisdiction should have a Knights of Columbus presence either through a Council or a Round Table. We have merged 1 inactive councils with active councils in the past year. We have been actively working on reactivating 2 councils this year, Council 7146, Rev. E. J. Jones, Brigus and Council 10826, Msgr. J.J. Murray, Goulds.

## **Insurance**

The Knights of Columbus Insurance recorded its 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of sales growth, with \$8.54 billion in new insurance issued and surpassed \$105 billion of life insurance in force-- a reflection of the hard work and integrity of our brother Knights who serve as our insurance agents. I encourage all Grand Knights to have Insurance on their agenda for every Council meeting and be sure to invite your assigned Field Agent to all Council meetings and events. Give him a prominent place in your meeting chamber and invite him to speak. Also, please make sure he is invited to every first degree and given a copy of the form 100 for new members. I thank our General Agent, Brother Gilles Seguin, our Field Agents, Brother Brian Kennedy, Brother Terry Tibbs, PSD Maurice Lewis

and our newest agent, Brother Hector Suarez for the good job you are doing in serving our members and their families in Newfoundland and Labrador. Brothers, you have a key role to play, not only in insurance, but also in membership, recruitment and retention.

### **Father McGivney Guild**

There are not many things free these days but membership in the Father McGivney Guild is one of them. I encourage all Councils to register all members and their families as Guild members. We would like to see every member in our Jurisdiction participate in this program. Membership is free and open to anyone. Applications for the Guild can be easily completed on line through the K of C website. Father Gabriel O'Donnell, Vice Postulator and Guild Director, continues to advance the cause for sainthood of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

### **Marian Hour of Prayer**

The Marian prayer program has been promoted by Supreme Council for many years. The focus of the Order's Prayer Program for this year is the Holy Family. Two framed paintings of the Holy Family are circulating among Councils to be used as the centrepiece of a rosary program. If you have not held the prayer program in your parish than I encourage you to contact your District Deputy or Brother Jonathon Gaye

who is coordinating the schedules of the Icons throughout our Jurisdiction.

## **Culture of |Life**

The Knights of Columbus remains strong in its defense of Life in all its stages. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson states: “Today, the very nature of the family is being threatened in many places and in many ways. And during the past four decades, even our most fundamental right – *The Right to Life* – has been undermined. I don’t have to tell you that in many ways our society has lost track of the things that are most important; the sacredness of human life.

The theme for the 2018 National March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 10, 2018, is “ALL IN.

With abortion, and now assisted suicide and even euthanasia, legal in Canada, your freedom of religion and speech, and your right to life, are under attack. If you are not ALL IN yet, you need to get ALL IN by committing to build a culture of life in Canada from conception to natural death.

Our Jurisdiction continues to provide financial support to the Centre for Life through Resolution. Brother Knights and their families

participated in the Annual Pro-Life Walks throughout the Jurisdiction on Good Friday. The Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Service for Life was held at St. Pius X Church in St. John's. The Feast of the Annunciation has been designated as the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. Councils observe this day by taking part in prayer groups, Rosaries and Masses for the Unborn. Councils are also involved in "Rose Sunday" on Mother's Day to increase awareness about abortion and raise money for the Center for Life.

### **Special Olympics**

State Council has always been very supportive of Special Olympics in our Jurisdiction. Council's involvement in Special Olympics has been maintained again this year both financially and through volunteering for events. The Special Olympians and their families are very appreciative of the work put into events by the Knights of Columbus. Because of the involvement by our councils in Special Olympic Programs, Supreme Office has refunded \$1000.00 back to the Special Olympic Association in our jurisdiction this year. It is your reporting of events that makes such refunds possible.

### **Member Medical**

The Hostel fund continued again this year with Subordinate Councils paying \$500 each from the sale of the Fall Sweep Tickets into the Hostel Fund. Any member and his wife who must stay away from home to attend to a sick child in any hospital may avail of this fund if he is a member in good standing with his Council. The Member Medical Travel Fund was established in 2006 to assist a member in good standing, his wife, the widow of a deceased member and dependent children who had to travel more than 100 kilometers for medical treatment. The maximum allowable claim per family is \$100 on the island and \$200 in Labrador and many of our members are availing themselves of this program.

### **State Essay Contest**

The State Essay topic for this year was “Going to the Peripheries.” This topic was sent to all Dioceses, Councils, State Council Website and the two Catholic Schools in our Province. The prize structure is as follows:

First Place	\$200.00
Second Place	\$100.00
Third Place	\$ 50.00

The winner of the State Essay Contest was announced last evening at our Program Awards Function

Supreme Council awards 12 Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patri Scholarships in Canada annually. These scholarships valued at \$1500 are awarded annually for a four-year period based on academic excellence and are renewable each year of undergraduate study pending satisfactory academic performance. This year we had one winner, Mr. John St. Croix of Stephenville, Mr. St. Croix is the son of Sebastian and Madelyn St. Croix, OLPH Council #3742, Stephenville.

State Council awards five \$1000 scholarships annually to a member's son or daughter or a deceased member's son or daughter if the member is in good standing with his council and the deceased members were in good standing at the time of his death. This year we had six winners due to a tie, the winners are:

Spencer Groves	Mary Queen of Peace Council 7405
Megan Kieley	Fr. Jackman Council 9303
Kathryn O'Leary	Cabot Council 6001
Cassidy Rose	Fr. John B. Kent Council 6638
John St. Croix	OLPH Council 3742
Jenna Walsh	St. Teresa's Council 7702

State Council also awards four \$500 Jubilee Scholarships open to all High School Students in our Jurisdiction. The winners this year were:



Briana Bugden

Mount Pearl Senior High

Andrew Greek

O'Donnell High School, Mount Pearl

Lauren O'Driscoll

St. Mark's All Grade, Kings Cove

Keisha Roche

Holy Trinity High, Torbay

Congratulations and best wishes to the winners in all their future endeavours. I sincerely thank Past State Deputy Brother Maurice Lewis, our Scholarship Chairman, for taking on this position. I thank him for his commitment and dedication to this valuable youth program.

### **Financial Training Coordinator**

The Financial Secretary Training Program, which has been in place for the last four years is ongoing. Brother Dennis Jones is our FS Training Coordinator and I thank him on your behalf for his efforts with this training. In 2017-2018 your State Council will setup a training schedule for Financial Secretaries and Officer training in central locations throughout the Jurisdiction and I strongly encourage all Council Officers and any member considering taking an officer position in the future to attend the training seminars when they are offered.

Supreme Office is emphasising more and more that online is the way to go and they are continually moving in that direction. On the Supreme Website with secure logon access you can order materials, get

all your reports, file forms and reports and get a current up to date status of your council or assembly. Supreme also provides periodic training webinars and has exceptional training material online. The Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights of the future will need to be computer literate.

### **State Training Officer**

This past year for the first time we had a State Training Officer. Brother Gerard Butt is our State Training Officer and I thank him for taking this position and for the efforts he has put into this position. This position was established by Supreme Office to ensure council members were receiving the necessary training to fulfill their mandates.

### **Conclusion**

I wish to thank all grand Knights and their Council membership throughout the Jurisdiction for your full support and fraternal cooperation over the past year. It has been a busy year for me but one I have thoroughly enjoyed. This jurisdiction is well served by the dedication of you my Brother Knights who work every day, not for yourselves but for the benefit of others. We must continue to fulfill

Father McGivney's vision of offering the benefits of membership to every eligible Catholic family. Charity, Unity and Fraternity must always guide our actions. To my fellow State Officers, Bishop Hundt, Brothers Gordon, Pat, Paul and Gary a very special thank you for the job you have done in carrying out the duties of your office. Thank you to Past State Deputy, Brother Emile and his wife Mary, for their advice and assistance over the past year. I thank the State Officers wives, Margaret, Delores, Jenny, and Sheila and my wife Bev for their support, cooperation and patience. I thank our District Deputies, State Personnel, Past State Deputies, Grand Knights, Master of the Fourth Degree, Faithful Navigators and all Brother Knights for their efforts in continuing to grow the Order in this great jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador.

It has been an honour to serve as your State Deputy for the past year. I encourage you to keep up your efforts in membership and programs and cherish your membership in our great Fraternity. My wish is that you enjoy this State Convention and take an active part in all the events. It is a time to make new friendships and renew old ones but at the same time to complete the business we are elected to do. Again, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Deputy. May God bless each one of you and this great order that we serve.

***Vivat Jesus!***

Respectfully submitted April 28, 2018  
Brian Hurley, State Deputy  
Jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador

A motion to accept the State Deputies report was seconded and carried.

**Bishop Peter Hundt State Chaplain** then addressed the convention. He held a meeting on Friday with the council Chaplains, at which time a review was done on the Chaplains Handbook. He considered it well written and quoted parts. He then highlighted five chapters of a recent paper issued by the Pope. There are many challenges we have to face today and he asked that councils continue their work. He stated that his time as Chaplain is now up and he expressed his gratitude to the executive for their time the last three years. He enjoyed his tenure and his prayers are with us.

The State Deputy thanked Bishop Hundt for his remarks and thanked the ladies for attending our opening session. The State Warden then escorted the ladies out. The bus would be picking the ladies up at 11:00 a.m. for their luncheon. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. for a coffee break.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. and the first order of business was the appointment of our Parliamentarian P.S.D. Mike Tobin.

The State Deputy then introduced the Master of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight Dermot Whalen. He brought greetings from Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard. The Vice-Supreme Master Sir Knight George McCormack sent his regrets as he was unable to attend and sent his

best wishes. He advised that at present the old and the new regalia can be worn together.

State Deputy thanked Sir Knight Whalen and introduced Brother Paul Perry, Supreme Representative for the convention. He outlined the Newfoundland & Labrador contribution with 5321 membership during the past year. We are leaders in our Councils and our Parishes. He spoke of the new online membership program and Building the Domestic Church program already running along with the Faith in Action Program. Our goal is to strengthen the Knights of Columbus with quality and quantity.

The State Deputy thanked Brother Perry for his remarks and called up on the State Secretary for the first Roll Call. Following the roll call a notice of motion for the adoption of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion was carried.

He advised that all committees have been appointed.

A motion to accept the minutes of last years' meeting as moved by Msgr. McCarthy Council # 5902 was seconded by Avalon Council # 2223 and carried. He advised that Pat Craig our Webmaster and State Advocate Paul Morrissey were also unable to attend. A motion by Terra Nova Council # 1452 to accept the State Officers written reports was seconded by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council # 5662 and carried.

The State Secretary Gordon Lannon then presented the twenty- four Resolutions for acceptance or rejection of which Nos. 8, 13, 16, 18, 23 and 24 were questioned. P.S.D. Mike Tobin questioned procedure on questioning by a delegate and then further by a Past State Deputy.

**(Resolutions Attached)**

**No. 8 Keep Christ in Christmas/Christmas Cards.** Following a discussion it was noted that the cost was high, there was trouble finding the cards and earlier participation was needed and orders for appropriate cards needs to be addressed. **Accepted.**

**No. 13 State Scholarships.** Past State Deputy Maurice Lewis stated that the rules now say open only to Newfoundland & Labrador. The rules need to be changed. Following further discussion the eligibility requirements would be changed by the State Executive. **Accepted.**

**No. 16 Member Medical Travel Fund.** A discussion questioned why we were changing the fiscal year from March 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>. This would take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> this year for 8 months. The Treasurer advised that this was a recommendation from our Auditors. **Accepted.**

**No. 18 Support of Sick Children's Hostel Fund.** P.S. D. William O'Rielly questioned why the amount was to be increased from \$350.00 to \$500.00. The State Treasurer advised that there was no increase as this is currently in force since the last convention. **Accepted.**

**No. 23 Review of Annual State Lottery.** P.S.D. Maurice Lewis asked what the resolution was actually recommending. We have to be very careful with this request. There should be no changes made until reviewed in full. There is a negative attitude in regards to our lotteries. Maybe the Grocery Sweep should be brought back although in the majority of cases money was taken by the winners. As result of the discussions it was decided that a Lottery Committee will be set-up to review and bring back a recommendation before any changes are made if any. **Accepted.**

**No. 24 Expenses of State Officers Attending State Convention.** There were eleven (11) Past State Deputies in attendance today. Further discussion showed that the majority of members present were in favor of keeping the status quo. It was felt that they were there for advice and guidance and we should have been advised earlier of this resolution. The State Deputy advised it was a decision to recommend this resolution due to the current deficit. Members felt that the P.S.D.'s are the stability of our organization. They are here for advice when needed. We should not shut out them because of savings. Fr. Earle suggested they should come to the conventions re advice and leadership role. We should vote against the resolution. After much discussion John Healey Msgr. Brennan Council # 8749 made a motion to defeat this resolution which was seconded by Fr. F. Jackman Council #9303 and the motion was carried. The resolution was not dealt with any further and died on the convention floor. As a result the resolution is recorded as **No Action.**

The State Chaplain Bishop Hundt said the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M. and was to resume at 1:45 P.M.

Following the lunch break the State Deputy requested the State Warden to advise the members that the afternoon session was about to begin. The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. The State Deputy started the Roll Call for the afternoon session as the State Secretary was absent. Following the roll call two of the appointed committees reported. **Appointed Committees Attached)**

The **Audit Committee** advised that the State Audit was in order and a motion by St. Paul's Council #11776 and was seconded by Fr. McCormack Council #5769. The motion was carried.

The Mileage and Per Diem Committee was presented by Terra Nova Council # 1452 stating that the mileage and per diem should remain the same. A motion to accept the report was seconded by Terra Nova Council # 1452. The motion was carried.

The remaining Greetings and Protocol Committees will present their reports later.

The State Deputy called upon our General Agent Gilles Sequin to address the delegates. Brother Gilles stated that this was his fourth year attending the convention. He was pleased with the ladies luncheon that he attended as guest speaker. He noted that our Fraternal Benefits Program is excellent and gives us an opportunity to leave a legacy to the family. By recruiting new members gives them access to our insurance programs. Knights of Columbus are about helping people, volunteer. Following his remarks the floor was open for questions. Brother Dormody asked if our rates are competitive and if you can transfer a policy from one company to another company. He advised that they are competitive and advised that you cannot transfer an insurance policy between companies. Rev. Dr. Whelan Council # 5662 advised that there has been no K of C insurance agent in Labrador for three years. Brother Gilles advised that with only some 400 members in that area no agent could survive. Also, no council should pay for an agent and advised that all calls are returned. Michel Hickey Council # 10214 questioned if insurance could be purchased with health problems. He stated that there is however in some cases insurance available. Brother Gilles advised that there is a death benefit for an unborn child.



The State Deputy thanked Brother Gilles for his remarks. He advised that a list of councils who contributed to the coffee breaks was posted on the back wall of the convention room.

P.S.D. Maurice Lewis spoke on the Supreme Scholarships and that the deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The State Scholarships are due by the last of October. He advised that these are open and requested councils to advertise.

Master Sir Knight Dermot Whalen then addressed the convention. He brought greetings from our Vice Supreme Master Sir Knight George McCormack. He stated that we need new growth as age is a big factor in our ranks. The new uniform has seen both positive and negative response. Only about 20% wear our regalia. He noted that we have to abide by our rules and regulations under our by-laws. He thanked the State Deputy for inviting him.

The State Deputy then addressed the convention on membership. Our gain this year to date is 103 members with a goal of 150 members by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-two councils' recruited members and four have no gain to date. There will be a church drive at all the masses on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Brother George Burke spoke about the stand that Scott Simms took regarding youth employment and sent a letter to Mr. Simms thanking him for his support. Brother Darrell Long stated we should show our support as recommended by the Bishop. Bishop Hundt stated Scott Simms – Pro Choice and being non-partisan support at this time. Bishop Hundt finished the session with a closing prayer. The buses will be leaving at 4:30 p.m. for Mass. The banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. following Mass.

Sunday we would resume discussions following the Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**The Sunday session** was called to order by the State Deputy at 9:05 a.m. Prayer was offered by the State Chaplain Bishop Hundt. The State Deputy advised that all cheques for delegates would be made out to the respected councils. Individuals would be made out to them. P.S.D. Emile Cabot advised that the Catholic Missions in Canada information arrived late and will be passed out later. A draw for various items will be given to all who complete the trivia sheets and are turned in. Bishop Hundt spoke about the work of the Missions in Canada and that we have taken advantage over the years as they have given assistance to many small parishes.

**Final Roll Call** The State Secretary then proceeded with the final roll call with 56 voting delegates registered. **(Roll Call Attached)**

P.S.D. Emile Cabot was handed the gavel to conduct the election. He appointed P.S.D's Maurice Lewis, Max Snow and William Penney as scrutineers. He then instructed the delegates on procedure to nominate a Brother Knight for the various offices.

**State Deputy** Brother Brian Hurley was nominated by Avalon Council # 2223 and seconded by St. Anne's Council # 6494. Moved by Terra Nova Council # 1452 that nominations cease. Motion seconded by Msgr. McCarthy Council # 5902. Motion carried and passed.

**State Secretary** Brother Gordon Lannon was nominated by Archbishop Neil McNeil Council # 8555 and seconded by Dean Patrick Cleary Council # 6672. Moved by Terra Nova Council # 1452 that nominations cease. Motion carried and passed.

**State Treasurer** Brother Patrick Gambin was nominated by Archbishop Howley Council # 2581 and seconded by Msgr. McCarthy Council # 5902. Moved by Terra Nova Council # 1452 that nominations cease. Motion carried and passed.

**State Advocate** Brother Paul Morrissey was nominated by Avalon Council # 2223 and seconded by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council # 5662. Moved by OLPH Council # 3742 that nominations cease. Motion carried and passed. **Note:** P.S.D. Mike Tobin our Parliamentarian explained that although Brother Paul was not present his permission was received by the State Deputy that he would accept if nominated.

**State Warden** Brother Gary Gallagher was nominated by Fr. F. Jackman Council # 9303 and seconded by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council # 5662. Moved by Dalton Council # 1448 that nominations cease. Motion carried and passed.

A ballot was cast in favour for each officer nominated and passed. A motion was then passed to destroy the ballots.

The State Deputy thanked the delegates for their vote of confidence by electing him and the executive once again for the coming year. Next on the agenda was the election of delegates to attend the Supreme Convention. The current State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy were automatic. We also need to elect two more delegates and one must be an Insurance member.

**Insurance Representative** Neil McNeil Council # 8555 nominated State Secretary Brother Gordon Lannon and was seconded by Terra Nova Council # 1452. A motion by OLPH Council # 3742 to cease nominations

was voted on and passed. Brother Gordon Lannon was elected to be our insurance representative.

**Associate Representative** Fr. F. Jackman Council # 9303 nominated State Warden Gary Gallagher and seconded by Msgr. McCarthy Council # 5902. A motion by Conception Council #1930 to cease nominations was voted on and passed. Brother Gary Gallagher was elected to be our associate representative.

**Alternates for the Supreme Convention.**

Brother Maurice Lewis was nominated by Father Michael Hayes Council # 7127 and seconded by Fr. John B. Kent Council # 6638. Brother Pat Gambin was nominated by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council # 5662 and seconded by OLPH # 3742. Brother Mike Tobin was nominated by Archbishop Neil McNeil Council #8555 and seconded by Archbishop Howley Council # 2581. Brother Paul Baldwin was nominated by Msgr. McCarthy Council # 5902 and seconded by Fr. John B. Kent Council # 6638. Brother Ed Conway was nominated by Rev. Dr. Whalen Council # 5662 seconded by Bishop Scheffer Council # 6378. When asked if each would accept Brother Pat Gambin declined. On a motion for nominations to cease it was decided to cast one ballot for the four nominated as alternates to the now elected representatives. On a motion by Rev. Dr. Whalen council # 5662 and seconded by Msgr. McCarthy Council # 5902 to destroy the ballots was carried and passed.

A motion by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council # 5662 that we cast one ballot for all four nominated was seconded by Bishop Scheffer Council # 6378 carried and passed.

The State Deputy announced the names of councils who contributed to the Gathering Place and that in addition some councils contributed directly.

The Credentials Committee reported by chairman Brother Desmond McCarthy Conception Council # 1930 that all was in order.

The Greetings Committee was reported by chairman Brother Cyril Synard St. Teresa's Council # 7702. The greetings received were passed over to the State Deputy.

**Protocol Committee** was reported by Brother Mike Connolly Archbishop Howley Council # 2581. Two items were looked into and that would be the use of cell phones and membership cards being checked.

**State Lottery Chairman** Brother Jerry Barker advised that sales were up this year with about three hundred (300) extra tickets being sold. As usual a list of winners is already on our K of C site.

**Announcements:** The Life Roses were available again this year. There will be trivia questioner prizes when turn in shortly. The resolutions will be looked into following the setup of the committee. He thanked the delegates once again for the confidence placed in him by electing him State Deputy for another year. There will be a church drive in the area again as we need another 47 members by June 30<sup>th</sup> to reach the Circle of Honour award. The convention next year will be held in Gander April 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The District Deputies meeting and the Fall Meeting will be held as usual. Brother Kevin Dormody advised that the Rosary for Life will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The retirement of Archbishop Martin Currie this year and a request for the Honour Guard for the Rosary and

Mass on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations were extended to Brother John Barry who was named Volunteer of the Year in St. John's and for his work with the Private Catholic Schools. The Good of the Order was open to the floor as various councils named brothers would were sick and in distress. All were requested to keep the brothers in their prayers.

The State Deputy then called Bishop Peter Hundt for the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paul J Gillingham P.F.N., F.D.D.  
Appointed recorder.

Attached are the Reports and Appointed Committees.



1. 1. State Deputy's Report 2018.docx



2. 3. Final Resolutions.docx



3. 2. Convention Committees 2018.doc



4. CONVENTION  
ROLL CALL.docx

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5. AWARDS – To be attached.