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State Chaplain

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights.

As I conclude my tenure as State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador, I wish to express gratitude to you all for the privilege of this service. I responded gladly, in the positive, to this appointment and enjoyed the opportunity to assist in Faith Development, liturgy and related activities.

The Core Program came to us during this tenure. It was my special pleasure to lead this venture for the past two years. Participation was excellent. I commended the participants for engaging each other in the sessions and effectively doing all the work. I simply had to coordinate the effort.

The sharing among you was very meaningful and rewarding. It was also wonderful to meet so many of you and to hear of the great accomplishments in your particular councils especially during these challenging times.

Being with you for the annual convention was especially heartening. Notably, the celebration of the Rosary in its new format was a great joy for me to experience.

I wish you every blessing in the years ahead. I welcome my successor to this position and wish him nothing but good will and success. God bless the Knights of Columbus in its prayer and action for the glory of God's name and the good of the Church.

Father Edward Terry,
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State Secretary

Date: 2 May 2025

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It is my privilege, as State Secretary, to respectfully submit an annual report for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year.

I take this opportunity to offer thanks and appreciation to Worthy State Deputy Gary Gallagher, my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and State Directors for their support, encouragement, and cooperation throughout the past Columbian Year.

This past year has been a great learning experience. It was a pleasure to meet with all of the District Deputies, State Personnel, Grand Knights and their spouses during our Organizational and Mid-Year Meetings. I have attended numerous Supreme Virtual Meetings with my counterparts across the nation and compared best practices and lessons learned.

Communications at all levels is paramount if we want to succeed as an Order; not just communications coming down from Supreme and State levels but upwards from Councils. Timely submission of Reports is key to success.

In Closing I wish to thank all my Brother Knights for the trust and confidence you placed in me by electing me as State Secretary at your 105th State Convention.

On behalf of myself and my wife Christine, I extend fraternal greetings to all my Brother Knights and their families as we meet in St. John's to celebrate our 107th State Convention.

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State Treasurer

Date: 2 May 2025

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It is my privilege, as State Treasurer, in accordance with Article IV, Section 9, of our State By-Laws, to respectfully submit the Annual Financial Report, detailing the financial position of the order in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador for the 2024-2025 Financial Year.

The report, along with the financial information and related schedules, will be made available to the Audit Committee chairman and members of the Audit Committee, for their review and approval.

The office of State Treasurer is a constantly challenging one and fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of this important office can, at times, be daunting. I was elected as State Treasurer, for this term, at the State Convention in May 2024 and thanks for the support of my fellow State Officers, and all subordinate councils in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, I am able to present this year's financial report.

I offer sincere thanks, and appreciation to you, my Brother Knights, for your trust and confidence in electing me as State Treasurer for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador. I would also extend my sincere thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Gary Gallagher and to my fellow State Officers, for their overwhelming support throughout the year.

On behalf of my wife Pat, I offer fraternal greetings to all Brother Knights and their families, as we come together this weekend in St. John's to celebrate our Annual State Convention.

Vivid Jesus
Brendan Vickers
State Treasurer



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The 2024 – 2025 has been a challenging, but rewarding year for the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador. I congratulate out going State Deputy Gary Gallagher and his executive team for their leadership during these challenging times. The office of State Advocate during the 2024 – 2025 Columbian year has dealt with a few minor issues, that in consultation with the executive and the council(s) involved were successfully mediated and resolved.

Your executive with our District Deputies continues to work with our councils Grand Knights on meeting specific program and reporting requirements such as the Columbian Award, Membership quotas, Insurance promotion-seminars and timely submission of required reports.

Our State Councils Organizational meetings were held July 12 – 14/2024 and once more were successful in the training of our new District Deputies and Grand Knights. Our executives business discussions set the tone for a good year.

This Columbian year saw the retirement of three St Joseph ICONs, which completed a three-year assignment touring Newfoundland and Labrador. Thank you, Mike Connolly and Jonathan Gaye, for coordinating the ICONs during their travel. The Catholic ICON supreme program features important catholic saints' images that is particularly edifying to Knights of Columbus and their communities. I congratulate the district deputies, our councils and churches that took the ICONs and promoted the faith to all who chose to have an encounter with St Joseph. They have all been successfully retired as we now promote the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ICONs travels within our province. Supremes aim for this program to continue to foster greater devotion to the Sacred Heart among Knights and their communities. More than 191,000 council and parish prayer services with some 23 million participants have been held since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979. There are currently two assigned to this jurisdiction. Mike Connolly is the current coordinator for the central (Grandfalls) and west

coast communities and I (Darrell Long) Central (Gander) Newfoundland east and Labrador. Each ICON has accompanying prayer cards and booklets as well as a journal, for tracking its travels. Your State executive encourages our members to promote the use of the ICON within our faith communities these next three years.

As State Advocate, it has been my pleasure to serve the order in this capacity. I recently in April attended a JUBLEE MENS LENTEN MISSION RETREAT sponsored by the Cathedral Basilica of St John the Baptist and its coordinator, the Vicar General Father Cecil Critch. It was exceptional with some 60- 70 men in attendance. Many of them were young and the opportunity to recruit members was acted upon. Three new members were recruited and the spiritual rewards of the conference exceeded expectations. The presenter was Mr. Brett Powell who will return for a future retreat and I encourage members to

attend. I recommend members should endeavor to attend any programs being offered by our provincial dioceses when you can. It shows support for our faith community, deepens our own faith and provides fellowship and recruiting opportunities.

As State Advocate, I've assembled a Resolutions Committee for the 2024 – 2025 Columbian year. We will have the resolutions and by laws update ready for convention.

Long Live the order

Darrell Long State Advocate Knights of Columbus



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State Membership Chairman

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Brother Knights, we are less than 3 months away from the end of another Columbian year at the time of writing this message. Last July, we received our jurisdiction's goal of 124 NEW or FORMER members to earn the CIRCLE OF HONOUR . Since that time, we have been steadily working toward that goal. Some months have been slow while other months have been very positive in membership growth. At the present time, we need less than 40 new or former members to reach our goal of 124. This means that by the time of our State Convention on May 2-4, 2025, we should need approximately 25-30 members to be successful in attaining our goal with approximately 2 months remaining. Considering all the trials and upheaval in our Church system, we are still on track to reach our goal of 124 new members. This amounts to councils recruiting only one new member each. This does not sound impossible and if achieved, it would a great achievement for our jurisdiction and for our State Deputy, Gary Gallagher who has led us again this year. Remember Nike's slogan: JUST DO IT !! Thank you to all who have recruited this year and are still recruiting. A special thank you to Past State Deputy, Maurice Lewis, Former Worthy District Master, Gerard Butt and State Warden, Ray Bonia for their work throughout the year as members of the State Membership Team. Wishing everyone a great State Convention.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
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District Deputy #1 Brother Gerard Butt

Date: 2 May 2025

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District #1 is composed of 3 Councils which are active:

Avalon Council **2223** in Bay Roberts held its Election of Officers last spring. The District Deputy was invited to the Council's Columbus Day celebrations in November, and it was commendable to witness the service provided by this Council: support for the parish and parish priest, support for the community (Helping Hand: Goodwill Center and Food Bank), Coats for Kids, support for the Breakfast Programs in all area schools, support for the Guiding Movement, Scholarships for Children of Members, etc. Council reports are up to date, and most council leaders are compliant with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program. The Council Chaplain is present at many council events.

Bishop Dalton Council **1448** held its Election of Officers last spring with most positions being filled. All Council Reports have been filed. This past year, the Council has been involved in many faith and church related activities like "Keep Christ in Christmas" in the Christmas Parade, Rosaries at wakes, supporting church celebrations, like the Feast of St. Joseph, leading the Stations of the Cross during Lent, and other ministries in the church, along with strong support for the Parish Priest. The Council also supports many of the Faith activities and prayer services of the Fourth Degree Dalton Assembly: good support and attendance for the "Prayer Service for Peace in our World," celebrating Flag Day at Sunday Mass, supporting the Memorial Mass for Deceased Members, and joining with Fourth Degree Honor Guards. The Council also participated in the Harbour Grace Pirates to Pilots Festival Open Doors, and is involved in programs with other community volunteers, for example, the maintenance of the Bennett's Lane Cemetery, a municipal heritage site.

Monsignor McCarthy Council **5902** held its Election of Officers last spring. The Council held an Awards Night in July, similar to Columbus Day. The Council is active in the Parish, regularly picking up the Sunday collection at St. Patrick's church. During the Christmas season, the Council took part in the Santa Claus parade, and held its Light up for Christ program at the beginning of Advent. Regular Council meetings are needed. That's where votes are held, and decisions are formally ratified. As well, reports like Audits reports need to be completed. The Council continues to work on programs like Coats for Kids, and is supportive of Parish events and celebrations, and often leads the Rosary at wake services. As well, the Council is very helpful with community events, and Fourth Degree activities.

All 3 Councils need to look at the challenge of attracting new members. The overall membership is declining, and neither Council has successfully recruited any members for a few years. Perhaps in the coming year, an increase in programs centered on our pillars of Faith, Family, Life, and Community will help to recruit new, committed members. There are a number of programs centered on Faith formation and development, including the COR program which is having success in other areas of the province. Other Knights of Columbus programs, like the Silver Rose, are easy to implement, and have had much success elsewhere. The new Pilgrim Icon Program centered on the Sacred Heart of Jesus is also a great way for Knights to enhance the Christian virtues envisioned by our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney: prayer, formation, and fraternity.



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District Deputy #2

Date: 2 May 2025

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1452 Terra Nova.... This Council is having a remarkable year both in membership development and programs. Council had had three exemplifications so far, this fraternal year and is on track for at least one more (tentative date is April 27 and at least 3-4 new candidates. The fact they have their own Degree team has proven very beneficial. Council is very involved both with the Parish and the local community. During March of this year Council gave \$20000.00 in donations to the Basilica, Seminarians and the local community. Council has always been ready, willing and available to cater to special functions at the Basilica. Great improvements have been made in the financial operations of both the Council and their building operations. Council is on track for Star award.

7702 St. Teresa's.... The Corporation which owns the church building had placed very stringent conditions on fund raising so consequently the council cannot raise funding for projects that have always been near and dear to them. Nonetheless Council was able to donate \$5000.00 to St. Teresa's Parish and \$5000.00 to St. Vincent d'Paul towards Christmas hampers. Coats for Kids, Centre for Life and Kids eat Smart (just to name a few) have still received donations. Council also has its own Degree team. Membership development has been excellent. At the time of this writing Council was well over quota and Star council secure.

9807 Torbay... Inactive Council and being followed by State Warden.

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Frank Follett



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District Deputy #3

Date: 2 May 2025

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This District is comprised of St John De Baptist 7405, St Paul's Council 11776, Cabot Council 6001 and Father John B. Kent 6638. The councils in my district have been continuing with their spiritual and charitable works of mercy. All four programme areas Faith, Community, Family and Life are captured in their activities.

Councils provided financial support to their Parishes and participated in the various Ministries in their churches and assisted at Parish run activities.

During the Holy Christmas season councils helped set up Nativity Scenes, erected "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs and participated in the annual St John's Christmas Parade with a Keep Christ in Christmas Float.

Community support continued through donations to various organizations, holding basketball free throw competitions, funding for scholarships for high schools, overseeing the day to day operation of a Senior's Home in Mount Pearl, participating in the annual Memorial Day and Remembrance Day celebrations and continued to support the Food for Families Program by participating and running local Food Banks.

Support for Life Programs was achieved through financial support for the Centre for Life, supply of products for the annual Centre for Life Fall Auction and running the Silver Rose program.

All four councils have been busy and getting back to their regular activities. There has been some membership growth but we still need to focus more in this area. Overall this has been a successful year for all four councils and I expect to see continued improvement in the coming new Fraternal Year.

Regards
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District Deputy #5

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I am addressing the annual report of District #5. The district consists of three councils of the Knight of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador. The councils are Dean Patrick Cleary Council # 6672, Witless Bay, NL; Council #6494, St. Anne's Council, Dunville, NL; St. Mary's Council # 13320, St. Mary's Bay, NL.

Dean Patrick Cleary Council meet the first Monday of each month. Ten meetings during the year. They presently have a full and active executive. To date, there are no new members recruited this year. The Council is active in the parish community with collecting for Christmas hampers, seniors events, breakfast and visitations. They have a successful fundraiser through bingo. They have maintained their own council hall or (chamber). During the past four years, due to sickness and ageing and no new members, the council will struggle to form a full executive to conduct council business in the near future if membership doesn't increase. This is important to have a good functioning healthy council.

Council # 13320, St. Mary's Council, St. Mary's Bay, NL had six regular council meetings during the Colombia Year. The council was unsuccessful in recruiting any new members this year. The council has a full executive to conduct the council business, but due to sickness and age the council business is affected. The council meetings are held in the chapel wake room of St. Joseph's church, owned and operated by a private person or business. The council has recently received help through their new chaplain,

Fr. Nelson Born, who was recently appointed Pastor for St. Mary's Bay, Good Shepherd Parish. The council was involved with the two schools in this area with Keep Christ In Christmas banners and Free Throw basketball and possibly adding floor hockey in the coming year. The council was involved with fundraising for the parish expenses. They are also faithful to request from their usual charitable organizations. Again, I will say that if there are no new members it will be difficult to form a new executive to conduct the council business. Some of the KofC members are also involved with other organizations within the community like the Royal Canadian Legion and The Lions Club. The Knight of Columbus will need help in St. Mary's Bay.

Council 6494, St. Anne's, Dunville, NL

I recently spoke to Brother Douglas Power and he informed me that they presently have \$100.00 (One hundred dollars) in the council account with having the Supreme and State dues paid. As of that date he informed me that two members paid their yearly dues. He did not accept any tickets to sell for the Knight of Columbus Spring fundraiser. He shared with me that if the Pastor asks for some assistance, he will do his best to respond.

**Respectfully submitted,
D.D. David Kenny**



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District Deputy #6

Date: 2 May 2025

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights.

I want to thank the State Board for appointing me as District Deputy # 6. District # 6 is comprised of the following Councils. , Council 8640, - Kings Cove, , Council 10599 – Marystown,

Msgr. Wm. Williams Council 8640 – King's Cove

This past year Msgr. Wm. Williams Council was not as active as it normally would be. 2024 was the 40th anniversary of the founding of this Council. A couple of the activities it continued through the year are, for weekend Mass, its members made sure the heat was on in parish churches, cleared snow and ice, and salted steps and walkways to the church. Some members are also readers during Mass. At Christmas time gave each of our Council widows a \$25 gift card to use to purchase items for their Christmas dinner. Last spring they sold 192, 50/50 raffle tickets and 3305 Fall Sweep tickets.

Ville Marie Council 10599 – Marystown.

Like other Councils Ville Marie Council in Marystown was very active. The following is just some of the council's activities from the past year. Council members serve the parish as ushers, collectors, lectors and help with church cleaning. One of the activities that this Council took part in was a Santa Claus parade. At this time they managed to raise 1227 pounds of food, along with \$145 in donations, which was donated to Helping Hands Family Aid food bank. The Council also donated \$500. Like other Councils they are having trouble selling their state tickets, not being able to take advantage of the many places they would normally be able to sell tickets in. Last spring Ville Marie Council sold 240, 50/50 raffle tickets and 1796 of the Fall Sweep tickets.

Some donations by the Council was \$200 to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Fdn. \$100 to the Janeway Telethon, \$100 to the Grace Sparks House playground, this is a support home for women. On July 1st, Council members participated in the Memorial Day parade and laid a wreath. Council donated \$50 to Sacred Heart Parish 2024 tree of memories in memory of deceased knights and wives.

Council members assisted Sacred Heart Parish with the annual fall fair on November 2nd.
This is just a sample of the activities of Ville Marie Council 10599, Marystown.

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District Deputy #7

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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights. It is indeed a pleasure for me to bring fraternal greetings and best wishes to our jurisdiction on behalf of the Councils in District #7 at this the 107th. Annual State convention.

I thank our State Deputy Brother Gary Gallagher for giving me the opportunity to serve as District Deputy for District # 7.

District # 7 is comprised of two active councils: Father Michael Hayes Council # 7127 in Harbour Breton and St. Ignatius Council # 13763 in St. Alban's.

Both Councils were successful in filling elected and appointed positions to their executive and those Council Officers were duly installed by me.

Father Michael Hayes Council # 7127 though small in numbers is still active in the church and around the community. They laid a wreath for the Remembrance Day celebration. They entered a float in the Santa Clause parade using the theme keep Christ in Christmas. They decorated the parish residence and the church with Christmas lights. During the summer they do cutting of the lawns around the cemeteries and the church grounds. On the church parking lot, they filled the potholes in with gravel and repaved them.

St. Ignatius Council # 13763 is having another successful year within the church, around the community and working with youth. They did the sweeping of the church parking lot after a long winter of sanding. Cleaned up two cemeteries the week before Mothers Day. At Christmas they decorated a tree inside and outside the church. On July 1st. Beaumont Hamel and November 11TH. Remembrance Day celebrations they laid a wreath. St. Ignatius entered a float into the Santa Clause parade using the theme Keep Christ in Christmas. On Good Friday they did the Walk for Life followed by Stations of the Cross.

St. Ignatius Council work with the youth getting them involved in the Basketball Free Throw. They run the program Keep Christ in Christmas and Drug and Alcohol poster contest with great success.

They also make a monetary donation to the scholarship fund at the local school, Bay D' Espoir Academy.

It has been a pleasure serving as District Deputy.

Fraternally yours,

Kevin Organ
District Deputy
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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy State Directors, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates and Brother Knights.

It is certainly my pleasure as District Deputy # 9 to present this report. During the 2024-2025 Fraternal year, I have visited each of the five councils, Archbishop Howley Council 2581 in Corner Brook, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council 8555 in Pasadena, MSGR. Walter Brennan Council 8749 in Deer Lake, Father Pumphrey Council 11577 in Little Bay and Father T.P. Sheen Council 9289 in Baie Verte and have spoken to Brother Knights before and after the council meetings ask for any questions and concerns that they may have.

I would, as always, pass along my greetings from our Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly and proceed with informing each of the councils through emails and monthly webinars so as to keep all Brother Knights well informed of upcoming news and events and the changes that needed to be addressed.

The Grand Knights in District #9, WGK Brian Terry of 2581 in Corner Brook, WGK, Paddy McNeil of 8555 in Pasadena, WGK, John McDonald of 8749 in Deer Lake, WGK, Harold Clarke of 11577 in Little Bay and WGK, Carmen Morrison of 8749 in Baie Verte, led their perspective councils during the Fraternal year of 2024-2025. Those five councils used the information that was provided to them as well as passed along to their council members to help promote our four pillars in our order of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Each of the Five councils ran various programs, fun raisers throughout the Fraternal year with more planned to help promote our four pillars.

I was able to meet councils at our District organizational meeting that was held in Deer Lake in August 2024 with our five councils suggested ideas on ways to help work together and ways that councils can take information back to their councils to help promote the Knights of Columbus in their perspective areas. I am a firm believer on everyone giving input from all councils who may need help and guidance from each other.

I was, with the help of my District Warden, Brother Michael Leonard, able to attend and took part in the Installation of council officers for the Fraternal year.

District # 9 was very involved starting on March 4, 2025, promoting the Sacred Heart of Jesus ICON as one of the key initiatives of the order this fraternal year. I have been busy setting up with councils to attend with the ICON at council meetings, fourth degree assembly meetings, COR seminars, having parishes place the ICON on display for parishioners. Several parishes in district # 9 have already hosted this event with more parishes scheduled later in 2025.

Council 2581 in Corner Brook, has just completed a series of COR seminars in order to help promote Faith Development. This was led by our Worthy State Chaplain of NL., Father Edward Terry and council 2581 Chaplain Father Lee Lainey. During our seminars, we discussed various topics. We were able to have the Silver Rose and Sacred Heart of Jesus ICON displayed and we prayed the Rosary to conclude each seminar.

Just recently, District #9, along with council 2581 in Corner Brook, sponsored the District and the regional kids basketball free throw competition. The winners from the regional event, was to represent District 9 and District 10 at the State level free throw that was held on March 29, 2025 in Bishops Falls, NL.

I was able to attend three exemplification ceremonies in the District in order to help bring Worthy Catholic gentlemen into our order.

Fraternally,

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District Deputy #10

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It is with great pleasure that I submit this report on the activities and events which took place in District 10 during the past Columbian year. District 10 is comprised of three Councils; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville (Grand Knight Conrad Benoit), P.J. Cooney Council 9789 in Codroy (Grand Knight Frank Aucoin) and Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing (Grand Knight John Brake). During the past year I have visited each of these Councils and conducted their installation of officers. I am in regular contact with the Grand Knights and we work together to resolve any issues or problems as they arise.

OLPH Council 3742

With the Grand Knight into his third year this Council continues to be a very strong performer; running a full range of faith in action programs in all four categories for which program reports have been submitted. Through local bingo and the Toonie Toss fundraiser, as well as ticket revenue and dues, this Council has outstanding fundraising capacity which it uses mainly to support parish activities and infrastructure as well as community charitable activities. In St Stephens Parish, The Knights of Columbus are certainly the organization that can always be relied upon to take on short notice tasks big or small. The Council has recruited 6 new members so far this year and should have no problem filling a slate of officers in the next Columbian year. Cooperation with the Parish is very good as the parish priest, Father Joseph is now the Council Chaplain as Father Maurice O'Quinn recently retired from that position. Overall, this continues to be a strong Council with no major issues.

PJ Cooney Council 9789

This is a small Council in a rural area with a dwindling membership. While they managed to recruit one new member this past year, recruitment efforts are lacking and it is difficult to find qualified people to fill executive positions. This Council almost folded this year when the Grand Knight resigned but I was able to convince them to elect a new Grand Knight and carry on. This past year

their awards night and dinner was very well done. I also attended the funeral of a long- time member of the Council, Brother Bernie Benoit, which was also well done with proper respects shown by all Brother Knights in attendance. The Council runs very limited programs except for two major community activities each year: the winter carnival and summer folk festival which provides them with sufficient funding. They also do not appear to have a good working relationship with their Parish Priest who is also their Chaplain. Overall, this is a weak Council barely able to find executive members and sustain itself. While there are some glimmers of hope, without future recruitment it may be necessary to downgrade their status to a Round Table.

Our Lady of the Assumption Council 9464

This is a small but very active Council which has strong and mature leadership from their new Grand Knight, Brother John Brake. Their Council meetings are always well organized and conducted according to protocol. The Council runs several small but effective programs within their means including a community café, bingo, and support for a small food bank. They have a working relationship with the parish and conduct small construction projects to help maintain the church as required. The Grand Knight will be attending the State Convention this year for the first time as he continues to grow in this leadership position. Overall, this is a small but effective Council with a positive impact in the parish and community. They have shown the potential to grasp change, grow in size and expand their programs. They are to be commended for a very challenging but successful year.

Conclusion

District 10 has had a very busy year with the Knights of Columbus front and center in their respective parishes and communities. Recruitment continues to be a challenge particularly in the two smaller Councils with an older population and higher attrition rates. Nonetheless we must overcome these challenges if our Councils are to survive. In recent months OLPH Council has made inroads into some of our immigrant communities for recruitment, a relatively untapped resource. It is also a truism that good programs provide good recruitment opportunities and we need to continue to raise our profile through public announcements and wearing Knights of Columbus apparel at public events. The 4th Degree Honour Guard is also a key element of the public image of the Knights of Columbus and should be utilized at every opportunity.

The lack of a full time insurance agent on the West Coast is also a big challenge. With only one left in the entire province the viability of the insurance program (sometimes a major factor in recruitment) in this area is in question.

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State Community Director

Date: 2 May 2025

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights.

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy, Gary Gallagher for appointing me as State Community Director for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland Labrador for the year 2024 - 2025. It has been a pleasure working with State Program Director, Ray Bonia, the State Board and subordinate councils.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest winners have been selected and sent to the Supreme Council for international judging, The Alcohol Awareness and Abuse and the Drug Awareness and Abuse Poster Contests were again this year sponsored by the state council. The names of the winners of the contests were chosen and sent to the state council for prize payout. There is always room for more councils to take part in those worthwhile programs.

The Basketball Free Throw Competition was another great success this year. There were participants from the four regions. We had about ninety parents and contestants at the competition. The names of the winners in all categories have been sent to the Supreme Council for international judging.

I would like to thank all brother knights and councils that helped with all the Community Programs and for your support during the Columbian year.

Fraternally,
John Thoms
State Community Director



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**Faith Report
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2024-2025**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy State Directors, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Faithfull Navigators and Delegates.

As our fraternal year comes to a close, I would like to thank all councils in our province for the faith programs that you initiated to help bring faith and faith programs into your councils. I would like to thank all Chaplains of each council who helped and were a big part of the faith formation in your local parishes and councils.

Thank you to our Worthy State Deputy, Gary Gallagher, and to the State board members for their involvement in the faith programs that was initiated by State, especially COR, Holy Hours and the Rosary programs. Thank you to our State Chaplain, Father Edward Terry for leading us in prayer and worship.

COR is now part of the State Deputy strategic plan and has been in place since he was elected two years ago. The COR mission is to help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity. The COR vision is to aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other. We envision a future where COR continuously helps sustain these men to lead their families, strengthen their parish communities and help evangelize the world as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Have you initiated this worthy program? If you need help, with this program, our State Chaplain, Father Terry, myself or council 2581 in Corner Brook can help your council get COR started in your councils.

The Rosary program is more than a program, it is a way of life. In various councils, the Rosary is prayed before or after mass. In Corner Brook, Father Terry and the Knights of Columbus have Rosary on Wednesday evenings in May. As well, in council 2581 monthly meetings, our council Chaplain, Father Lee Lainey will lead the Knights members in a decade of Rosary.

Talk to Father in your parish and see if you can schedule a Eucharist procession, plan, especially for the feast of Corpus Christi or other occasion that is fitting so that people learn to appreciate what they are receiving at Eucharist during mass. The Eucharist is central to who we are as Catholics and as Knights,

The Sacred Heart of Jesus ICON program, which is currently in our province and is a great way for councils, parishes and Catholic families a great way to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the month of the

Sacred Heart (June) and throughout the year. There is plenty of guidance and resources that travels with the ICON that councils can use, such as the Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour. The focus is for us to consider everyone in our parishes when the ICON comes in your area. Scheduling is essential as we like to see all councils in the province have the ICON and plan events around this ICON.

Into the Breech program has many uplifting videos that are available to us. Go to the Kofc.org website and choose a video to encourage your brother Knights and maybe make it your agenda either before or after your meeting.

Brother Knights, there is hope out there, people are hungry and willing to help, ready to lead, to grow together as a people and to build up the body of Christ which is the church. If your council can make a difference, step up, invite someone, and be an example of what the Knights of Columbus can accomplish when we all work as one.

We must continue to be visible in bringing the gifts of the Knights of Columbus to our faith communities, parishes and to our families. We must worship God, but by our baptism and confirmed in the Holy Spirit we also have been awarded the right to approach God the father in humility; to ask for his blessing on us, to hear our petitions, knowing in faith that God has heard us and is willing to help us.

Fraternally,
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State Life Director

Date: 2 May 2025

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Thank you, Worthy State Deputy, Gary Gallagher, for giving my wife, Ellen, and I the opportunity as the State Life couple. It is indeed an honour.

The pro-life mission that we demonstrate, as Knights of Columbus members, is of vital importance in ensuring that all human life is protected from conception to natural death. Our voices have to be heard.

This year six councils submitted Life Reports. Thank you to the contributing councils and I strongly encourage all councils to submit a report next year. Councils continually strive to support and deliver the Life message. Councils participated in many of the life supporting activities such as: Silver Rose Program, Novenas, Support for the Centre of Life, Baby of the Month and Special Olympics.

The Silver Rose was in our province again this year. Seven councils participated in promoting the message to respect life. I wish to encourage all councils to participate in this very beautiful and worthwhile program next year.

In closing I wish great success for our 107th convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Hurley & Ellen Merrigan

NL. State Council Life Chair-couple.



Gary Gallagher
State Deputy

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2024 - 2025 Special Olympics Report

The vision of the Special Olympics is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities. With this in mind, the Knights of Columbus is a proud supporter of the Special Olympics.

Special Olympics (S.O.) competitions both provincially and nationally take place every year. These include local competitions and the Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador Provincial Games. In addition to the fun, exciting and competitive experience these games also serve as the qualifying competition, providing an opportunity for our athletes to qualify as a member of Team NL. As a member of Team NL, they are eligible to advance to compete at the Special Olympics Canada National Games and potentially as a member of Team Canada in Special Olympics World Games. The World Games are the flagship event for the Special Olympics movement and take place every two years, alternating between summer and winter Games.

In February 2025, the Special Olympics World Winter Games were held in Turin, Italy. Team NL comprised of S.O. athletes from this jurisdiction took part in these games and brought home the medals to prove it.

Additionally, Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador will proudly host the Provincial Summer Games in the welcoming Town of Gander from July 3rd - 6th, 2025. All councils in the jurisdiction are encouraged to support our S.O. athletes and teams during these upcoming games.

In addition to the provincial games, Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador offers different programs for athletes and their families such as the Fit Family and Friends program.

It is important to remember that all councils are required to submit their **Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)** for Special Olympics to Supreme by January 31st of each year and submit a copy of it to the state executive and the S. O. Chairman. Councils are also asked to report individual S.O. activities via form # 10784 to Supreme, State Council and the S. O. Chairman as soon as possible following the date of the activities. It is very important that Councils keep in mind that the reporting of individual S.O. programs during the Columbian year does not relieve any council of its responsibility to submit form #10784 by January 31st of each year.

Unfortunately, not all active councils in this jurisdiction are reporting their S.O. involvement and support of S.O. activities in their local areas. To date only two councils have reported being involved in or plan to be involved in any S.O. programs within their local areas during this fraternal year:

- Terra Nova Council 1452 has reported donating approximately \$10,500.00 in kind to special Olympics via the use of their building for such things as dances, concerts, practices and bingos. Additionally, they catered three special Olympics functions at considerably reduced rates.
- Archbishop Howley Council 2581 helped sponsored a Christmas dinner for a local special Olympics group. In total council contributed \$500.00 and approximately forty person hours to the group. This included preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal.

It is important for all Grand Knights to keep in mind that the amount of funding provided to the State Council, by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council for Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador, is based on the value of the reported number of volunteer hours, financial support and programs provided by councils in the jurisdiction.

David Delaney
Special Olympics Chairman
Presented: May 3, 2025

**Scholarship Promotion Chairman
Report 2024-2025**

Knights of Columbus State Council Scholarship Winners 2024

Thirty-four students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. There were 25 applications for the State Council Scholarships, 24 applications for the Channing Scholarship and 31 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. A total of **eighty** applications were received. Winners are determined using the Department of Education **Honours Requirements** guidelines.

Five State Scholarships at a value of \$1000 each, 1 Channing Scholarship valued at \$1000 and four Jubilee Scholarships at a value of \$500 each were awarded in 2024.

Channing Scholarship Winner

Amanda Kavanagh is the daughter of Br. Rick Kavanagh, Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Amanda is attending Memorial University.

State Scholarship Winners

Brooklyn Kitchen is the granddaughter of Br. Luke Roberts, Conception Council #1930, Bell Island. Brooklyn is attending Memorial University.

Caitlin Hunt is the granddaughter of Br. Brendan Hunt (deceased), Council #7207, Harbour Main. Caitlin is attending Memorial University.

Claire Coombs is the daughter of Br. John Coombs, Dalton Council #1448 Harbour Grace. Claire is attending Memorial University.

Luke Healy is the son of Br. Geoffrey Healy, P. J. Connors Council #8700, Grand Falls-Windsor. Luke is attending Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Madison Sheppard is the granddaughter of Br. Patrick J. Kennedy, Msgr. McCarthy Council #5902, Carbonear. Madison is attending Memorial University..

Jubilee Scholarship Winners

Mackenzie Young is a graduate of Bay D'Espoir Academy, St. Alban's and is attending Memorial University.

Rachel Careen is a graduate of Fatima Academy, St. Bride's and is attending Memorial University.

Mackenzie Hutchings is a graduate of Lewisporte Collegiate and is attending Memorial University.

Jacob Ryan is a graduate of Laval High School, Placentia and is attending Memorial University.

Supreme Scholarship Winner (\$1500 per year for 4 years)

Brenna Connolly is the daughter of Br. Clarence Connolly, Archbishop Howley Council #2581, Corner Brook.

Maurice Lewis
State Council Scholarship Director



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State Online Membership Chairman: Gerard P. Butt

Date: 2 May 2025

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights.

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP in the Knights of Columbus was introduced in 2017 to allow Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus by completing an online application and short ceremonial. These men would then be Associate Members under the jurisdiction of the local State Council. Men who entered the Order through the online initiation would be permitted to purchase insurance, even though they have not taken the First Degree, and the Supreme Secretary would issue a membership card to these new Brother Knights.

Every state council is authorized to accept members through the online membership initiative. The Supreme Council office administers the state divisions, including the collection of dues and the issuance of membership cards.

Men who join the Order through the online membership initiative do not form a new class or type of member. Therefore, as members of the Knights of Columbus they are entitled to the rights and privileges of membership, which include being eligible:

- to attend local, state, and Supreme Council events,
- to attend local council meetings as nonvoting participants,
- to receive fraternal benefits,
- to purchase Knights of Columbus financial products and services, and
- to receive the Columbia magazine and other Supreme Council publications.

Men who join the Order online are encouraged to attend local council business meetings, and encouraged to become members of that council.

As of April 11th this year, 32 new members have joined online in NL. Only 10 have migrated to a local council so far. Our all-time intake for Online Membership is 180, with 100 of these Brother Knights so far converting or migrating to a local Council.

Please consider promoting Online Membership, and encourage Online Members to join a local Council as soon as possible.

Vivat Jesus!



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Insurance Promotion Chairman Report 2024-2025

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Master 4th Degree, Worthy State Directors, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates and Brother Knights

Thank you to State Deputy Gallagher for appointing me to the position of State Insurance Promotion Chairman. Promotion of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program can be one of the best recruiting tools we have. The Knights of Columbus has had many years of growth in insurance sales. With in excess of \$126 billion of insurance in force, the Knights of Columbus Insurance is a top rated company in North America for 49 consecutive years (A++, Superior) from A. M. Best. In fact there is no more highly rated life insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.

This past year I attended and made presentations at the Organizational meetings in July and the Mid-year meetings in November, encouraging State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors, Grand Knights and all Brother Knights to constantly promote the insurance/investment products offered by the Knights of Columbus.

Every member of the Knights of Columbus has a role in promoting the Insurance/Investment products offered by the Knights of Columbus. With continual promotion of the products, membership in the jurisdiction will increase.

Since my retirement date as a Knights of Columbus Field Agent was March 3, 2025 after 13 years 11 months, this will be my last annual report as Insurance Promotion Chairman. I sincerely thank all State and Council Executives and all members of the NL jurisdiction that I have worked with. It was truly a very exciting and rewarding job.

I extend to all delegates, observers and families best wishes for a successful 107th State Convention.

Fraternally,

Maurice Lewis
Insurance Promotion Chairman



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State Lottery Chairman

Date: 2 May 2025

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State Lottery 2024

During our State Lottery campaign of 2024 there were 5068 tickets sold. The gross income from these sales was \$ 126,700.00, the prize being \$ 63,350.00. The winner was Bobbi Jo Pickett of Wabush, seller – Bobbi Jo Pickett. Ticket #8316

Last year, 30 out of 34 Councils returned sold tickets. 19 Councils sold less tickets, than they did previous year and 11 Councils sold more than the previous year.

Compared to 2023 State Lottery, 746 less tickets were sold, a decrease of \$ 18,650.00 in sales. In 2023 there were 5814 tickets sold, with a gross income of \$ 145,350.00

Fall Ticket Sweep 2024

This past fall we once again went with a \$2 each or 3 for \$5 lottery. A breakdown of each region is as follows.

Region "A" from the east Coast to central stopping at Gander consisted of 18 councils. A breakdown of last year's sales are as follows.

21,717 tickets were sold. Ticket income \$36,260. 16 of 18 councils sold tickets.

Region "B" consists of councils from Grand Falls-Winsor area, south coast, western Newfoundland and Labrador, consists of 16 councils.

18,125 tickets were sold. Ticket income \$27,303. 13 of 16 councils sold tickets.

Ticket prizes for each region was \$7000.00 1st prize - \$5000, 2nd prize -\$1000, 3rd prize - \$500, with \$500 going to the seller of the 1st prize. Total prize money was \$14,000.00

Jerry Barker

State Lottery Chair