

# **Knights of Columbus**

## **106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention 2024**

### **Capital Hotel, St. John's, NL**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**9:10 AM    Opening of Official Business**

State Deputy Gary Gallagher welcomed all brother knights to the Annual General Meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council, and acknowledged the presence of Father James Fleming, and Father Edward Terry.

The State Deputy then asked the **State Chaplain** Father Edward Terry to **open with a prayer**. The Opening Ode was **not** sung.

**9:15 AM    Motion for Open Session (Families / Friends)**

Moved by Terra Nova (1452); Seconded by Gander (5769): That the rules of attendance be relaxed for an **Open Session** to allow family and friends to attend.

**Carried**

- The **Ladies were escorted into the convention room** by the State Warden. The Ladies were welcomed to the open session for family and friends.
- State Deputy Gary Gallagher introduced the State Officers.
- There was a video **Message from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**. The Supreme Knight encouraged us to continue our programs associated with charity, Unity, and Fraternity. He spoke about the COR program, and remarked that this is a great program to grow the Order. He also thanked all Knights for continuing the work started by Father McGivney.
- **Supreme Representative** – Canadian Territorial Growth Director Brother Knight Alain Cayer introduced himself, and spoke briefly on membership.
- **State Deputy's Report** - NL State Deputy Gary Gallagher presented his report, highlighting the activities and progress of the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador during the past year, and thanking all who made the past year a success. He spoke about the Pilgrimage of the Blessed Michael McGivney Relic, and also the importance of the COR program in engaging Catholics in their Faith. He thanks all for their service to the Order, and their service to those in need.

- **Vocations Message from Rev. Father James Fleming.** He informed those present on the current state of vocations in NL. Father encouraged prayers for Vocations, and asked that we provide encouragement for candidates who are discerning a vocation to the religious life. He thanked the Knights of Columbus for their support. He also thanks the Knights for their commitment to enriching the Catholic Faith, especially through programs like COR.
- **State Chaplain's Report** – Rev. Fr. Edward Terry noted that since his retirement he continues with many of his priestly ministries. He spoke about the COR program, emphasizing that it is an excellent program to share the faith, uplift each other, and further develop the faith as we move forward. (State Chaplain Annual Report included in Appendix.)

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**10:30 AM**

**Coffee Break**

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10:45 AM Brother Knights reconvened after Coffee Break.

- **Report from Canadian Growth Director:** Bro. Alain Cayer – He explained what was needed for Star Council, and the requirements for the Circle of Honor. He also spoke about the importance of recruitment, what was needed for the Fr. McGivney Founders Award, and the importance of making sure that Councils were Safe Environment compliant. Brother Alain noted that we are making an impact in the lives of young people, and encouraged Brother Knights to strive to be first in Faith, as we are in Charity.

### **Opening of Official Business**

10:52 AM **Presentation of Temporary Roll Call** (by State Secretary Paul Baldwin)

1448 T. Hearn  
 1452 C. O'Brien & W. Miller  
 2223 R. Noseworthy & D. Power  
 2581 B. Terry A. & D. Delaney  
 3742 C. Russell & I. Campbell  
 5662 E. Conway  
 5769 P. Woodford  
 5902 P. Hurley & N. Murphy  
 5904 R. Peddle  
 6638 C. Milmore & D. Byrne  
 6672 J. Boland & B. Dillon  
 6792 S. Conohan & R. Tucker

7405 T. Hibbs & B. Whitty  
7702 P. Fahey  
8555 J. Pennell  
8640 T. Maddox & M. Lewis  
8749 W. Bennett  
9789 F. Aucoin  
10599 D. Dober & P. Power  
11776 G. Puddister & B. Aylward  
13320 V. Cole  
13763 K. Organ & P. Pittman

**11:00 AM Adoption of Official Agenda**

Moved by (5769); Seconded by (6638): That the Agenda be adopted. (*See Appendix: Agenda Main Convention 2024*)

**Carried.**

**11:04 AM Appointment of Committees**

The following committees were in place, with assigned members, and chairperson. (Full Committee Membership and Responsibilities attached. See Appendix A, **Committee Assignments to 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.**)

*Resolutions Committee* (Chairman: Brother Darrell Long, SA)

*Greetings Committee* (Chairman: Brother Clyde Russell, DD 3742)

*Credentials Committee* (Chairman: Brother Ray Bonia, SW)

*Audit Committee* (Chairman: Brother Brian Terry, GK 2581)

*Protocol Committee* (Chairman: Brother Brian Terry, GK 2581)

*Mileage and Per Diem Committee* (Chairman: Brother Phil Hurley, GK 5902)

**11:10 AM Presentation of Minutes of 104th State Convention (April 28-30, 2023)**

Next on the Agenda was the Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 State Convention. The minutes were distributed electronically prior to the State Convention.

The State Deputy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. (Pause)

There was some discussion that the Minutes were not available in print for the meeting.

Moved by 7405; Seconded by 1452: That the Minutes of the 105rd State Convention be adopted.

**Carried**

**11:20 AM Reading of Communications**

(There were no communications.)

### 11:21 AM **Presentation of State Officers Reports**

These reports were distributed electronically prior to the State Convention to all delegates and the general membership. *(Please see State Officer Reports in Appendix)*

Moved by 7405; Seconded by 6792: That the Reports of the State Officers be approved as presented.

### **Carried**

### 11:25 AM **Resolutions Briefing (Published and Distributed)**

The Resolutions document, containing some 29 resolutions had been previously published electronically and a hard copy was distributed at the Convention meeting.

The document included the following:

Resolution No. 1 Pledge Support to Supreme Knight.

Resolution No. 2 Greetings to Newfoundland and Labrador Bishops.

Resolution No. 3 In Honor of Pope Francis.

Resolution No. 4 In Support of our State Chaplain and Priests, who serve throughout our province.

Resolution No. 5 Salutations to the Supreme Chaplain.

Resolution No. 6 Greetings to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Resolution No. 7 Continued Support for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

Resolution No. 8 Prayer for World Peace and an end to worldwide conflict, especially for the on-going conflicts in the Ukraine, the Middle east, and the Republic of Haiti.

Resolution No. 9 Commitment to Family Life

Resolution No. 10 Catholic Missions in Canada

Resolution No. 11 RSVP Program

Resolution No. 12 Development and Peace

Resolution No. 13 Support for Armed Forces, Veterans, First Responder and Health Care Workers serving and retired:

Resolution No. 14 To Recognize the rededication of the Newfoundland and Labrador National War Memorial and the Rededication Ceremony.

Resolution No. 15 Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Resolution No. 16 Keep Christ in Christmas Programs

Resolution No. 17 Catholic Religious Education

Resolution No. 18 Life

Resolution No. 19 Devotions to Blessed Virgin Mary

Resolution No. 20 Pornography

Resolution No. 21 State Scholarships

Resolution No. 22 K of C Jubilee Scholarships

Resolution No. 23 Establishment of the Channing Scholarship

Resolution No. 24 Member Medical Travel Fund

Resolution No. 25 Liability Insurance

Resolution No. 26 Disposition of proceeds of Annual Fall and Spring Lottery

Resolution No. 27 Participation in State Lotteries

Resolution No. 28 Opposing Euthanasia

Resolution No. 29 Motion to Amend and update the 2012 Bylaws of the Knights of Columbus (Please see Appendix C for the entire details on each resolution.)

The following resolutions were presented, recommended for Acceptance, and Actioned or **Carried** without discussion: **Resolutions # 1 – 23**, and **#26, 27, and 29**. **Gavel**

#### 11:45 AM **Discussions and Voting on Resolutions**

There was a **question** on **Resolution No. 24: Member Medical Travel Fund**.

There was concern about the phrase “and his council must be in good standing with State Council;” Motion to amend by deleting this phrase: 8749. Seconded by 9789. After some discussion, **the motion to amend was defeated**.

The Recommendation to accept the original Resolution was voted on and **Carried**.

There was a **question** on **Resolution No. 25: Liability Insurance**. There was some discussion about this resolution, and particularly a question about activities outside K of C property. Following some clarification, the Recommendation to accept the original Resolution was voted on and **Carried**.

There was a **question** on **Resolution No. 28: Opposing Euthanasia**.

There was some discussion about this resolution and in particular a question about “direct and passive euthanasia.” Following some clarification and additional information, there was an amendment (Moved by 5769, and seconded by 5902) to change the wording from “direct and passive euthanasia” to “euthanasia and natural death.” Motion to amend:

**Carried**. Recommendation to accept the amended Resolution was voted on and **Carried**.

#### 12:10 p.m. **The Morning Session Adjourned for Lunch at 12:10**

#### 1:30 PM **Call to Order**

#### 1:35 PM **Roll Call and Update (SS)**

It was noted that all 7 State Officers were in Attendance.

1448 T. Hearn	6638 C. Milmore & D. Byrne
1452 C. O'Brien & W. Miller	6672 J. Boland & B. Dillon
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### **1:45 PM Report of Committees**

**Credentials Committee met, and reviewed credentials:** All delegates to Convention are properly authorized with membership cards. Total of 46 delegates. Moved by 2223, seconded by 6638, that report be accepted. **Carried.**

**Greetings Committee met, and have a list of greetings to be presented:** Moved by 3742, seconded by 5769, that the greetings be approved and delivered in Convention. **Carried.**

**Audit Committee met, reviewed the annual Audit Report:** The financial affairs of the State Council was reviewed by the committee and presented for approval. Moved by 2581, seconded by 6792, that the Audit be approved. **Carried.**

**Mileage and Per Diem met and agreed on the per diem:** Committee met to review reimbursement for travel and accommodations. No changes to the mileage and per diem were recommended.. The reimbursement for meals be set at \$10 for breakfast; \$20 for lunch; and \$30 for Dinner. And a reimbursement of .30 cents per/km. Moved by 5902, seconded by 6638, that there would be no changes. **Carried.**

### **2:20 PM Maurice Lewis, Field Agent**

Our Field Agent brought Greeting on behalf of General Agent Martin Bourgeois at Knights of Columbus Insurance, and shared some thoughts from Brother Bourgeois based in the Atlantic Region.

Field Agent Maurice also spoke about the benefit of our own insurance to fellow members. Brother Maurice also handed out a fact sheet outlining the benefits.

He thanked all Brother Knights for the good deeds they do for the Order, and in particular those Knights who promote the Insurance Program. On behalf of Field Agent Terry Tibbs and himself, Brother Maurice urged members to continue to promote the Insurance Program within our membership.

He finished off by speaking about the need to continue to recruit new committed members to the Order.

### **2:40 PM. Unfinished Business**

Once again the new initiative "Pass the Hat" under the umbrella of ASAP (AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY) will take place during the Convention. All money collected from Councils and individuals during the convention would go towards helping mothers and babies by supporting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. For every \$500 collected or donated by State and subordinate Councils, the Supreme Council

will donate \$100 up to \$2,000. In NL the monies would be given to the Center for Life, a non-profit, volunteer-based charity that envisions and promotes a culture where every human life matters.

**2:50 PM New Business**

There was some brief discussion on Land Acknowledgement pertaining to the Indigenous People of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Notice of Motion** by Council #5769 that the NL State Council begin AGM Conventions with a Land Acknowledgement.

There was a short Question/Answer period. One question centered around the importance of the Admission Committee for Exemplifications, and Online Members migrating to a Council. The Supreme Representative confirmed that the Admissions Committee should be functional, and serves a purpose in the membership recruitment and retention process.

**3:15 PM Closing Prayer/Adjournment**

The Saturday afternoon Session Adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Closing Prayer was led by the State Chaplain Father Edward Terry.

(Convention Mass at 4:30 PM, and Convention Banquet at 7:30 PM.)

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**8:00 AM Rosary / Prayer for Vocations**

8:30 AM Call to Order/ Opening Prayer by Father Edward Terry

9:20 AM Final Roll Call (State Secretary)

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**9:30 AM    Nomination and Election of State Officers for 2024 - 2025:**

Election was chaired by Immediate Past State Deputy Patrick Gambin, according to Roberts Rules of Order. (There were 40 delegates eligible to vote.)

For the Position of **State Deputy**,  
Brother Gary Gallagher was nominated by Council 6792  
Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.  
Brother **Gary Gallagher** declared elected as **State Deputy**.

For the Position of **State Secretary**,  
Brother Paul Baldwin was nominated by 5902  
Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.  
Brother **Paul Baldwin** declared elected as **State Secretary**.

For the Position of **State Treasurer**,  
Brother Brendan Vickers was nominated by 6672  
Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.  
Brother **Brendan Vickers** declared elected as **State Treasurer**.

For the Position of **State Advocate**,  
Brother Darrell Long was nominated by 6792  
Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.  
Brother **Darrell Long** declared elected as **State Advocate**.

For the Position of **State Warden**,  
Brother Ray Bonia was nominated by 7405  
Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.  
Brother **Ray Bonia** declared elected as **State Warden**.

**9:55 a.m. Election of Delegates to Supreme Convention (2024) in Quebec City**

Three NL delegates are to attend the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 142nd SUPREME CONVENTION in Québec, Canada, from August 6 to 8, 2024. **Two of these delegates** are pre-approved by Supreme: the **State Deputy** (Gary Gallagher), and the **Immediate Past State Deputy** (Patrick Gambin).

Nominations were held for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate:

Brother Knight **Paul Baldwin** was nominated by Council #5769 – **declined**.

Brother Knight **Brendan Vickers** was nominated by Council # 6672 -

Brother Knight **Darrell Long** was nominated by Council # 6792 - **declined**.

No further nominations. Nominations closed.

**Brendan Vickers elected by acclamation.**

*Three Alternate Delegates: (Nomination and voting procedure explained..)*

Brother Paul Baldwin was nominated by 5769.

Brother Ray Bonia was nominated by 11776.

Brother Darrell Long was nominated by 6792.

No further nominations. Nominations closed. **Brothers Paul Baldwin, Ray Bonia, and Darrell Long were elected as alternates.**

**10:15 AM Remarks from Supreme Representative, Alain Cayer, Territorial Growth Director – Canada:** TGD Alain appreciated the opportunity to attend the Convention, and speak. He was pleased with reports that he had read on Programs in the NL jurisdiction. He urged the gathering to continue to promote membership recruitment, and wished those present all the best in their future endeavors as Knights of Columbus.

**10:30 AM Report from the Master of the Fourth Degree – SK Gerard Butt:** Out of the 14 Assemblies in NL, 10 are fairly active, with 8 of these 10 Assemblies receiving the Supreme Civic award last year. As well, Assembly 3490 in St. Albans earned the Supreme Star Assembly award. There is a total of 842 Sir Knights presently on the NL roster, which is down 44 Sir Knights from last year. Most Councils and Parishes still see the Fourth Degree as relevant. The Master encouraged Assemblies to increase the Fourth Degree presence not just at the assembly level, but in the workings of each council and their respective parishes. (Report in Appendix.)

**10:35 AM Report of Protocol Committee**

Chairman: Brother Brian Terry reported proper protocol during the convention was observed, with good decorum.

**10:40 AM 107th State Convention**

It was noted that our next Convention will be around this time next year, but the specifics to be determined shortly, and discussed at the upcoming organizational meetings in July.

**10:45 AM Good of the Order**

Members and family members who were sick or in distress were mentioned by name. And all Brother Knights would be remembered in our prayers.

It was noted that PSD Pat Craig and his wife Joyce recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

PSD Pat Gambin and his wife Delores recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

And Mr. and Mrs. James Boland recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Congratulations!

It was also noted that Council 2223 recently made a substantial donation to the furnace fund at St. Patrick's Church in Brigus.

**10:50 AM Closing Remarks by State Deputy Gary Gallagher.**

Thanks and Gratitude were expressed to all, and it was noted that Organizational Meetings are being planned for July.

**10:55 AM Business Session Declared Closed by State Deputy**

**11:00 AM Closing Prayer** by Fr. Terry.