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I think we assume this year has been a good year ... but not without its difficulties. Weather has played havoc with our Orders mandates of Faith and Charity especially with this difficult winter. We saw Council meetings, Masses and many activities cancelled or deferred. During this past year I did get to attend many functions in my role as Past State deputy. The role of the PSD is to support the members of the State Board and carry out whatever duties are assigned to me. In that regard I am pleased to have worked with our State Directors and use my knowledge acquired during my ten years spent on the State Board to support the roles of all the State Officers. Every State Board member generally only holds his position for two years. Then he moves to another position. Remember as we go forward as an Order those of us who have been in a role such as Grand Knight, District Deputy or in a State Board position that we need to pass on your knowledge to the individual coming behind us. Succession is an important component of keeping the Knights strong in our Province.

Congratulations to our State Deputy Paul Baldwin, Grand Knights and your Councils and my fellow State Board members for doing what you do ...that is making the Knights of Columbus the best Catholic men's organization in the province and indeed the world.

As we get near the end of this Columbian year, let every achievement we did during the year, big or small, in Faith and Charity make us better Catholic gentlemen. Remember "Christ is our Light"

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher
Immediate Past State Deputy



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It is my privilege and responsibility, as State Secretary, to respectfully submit an annual report for the 2025-2026 Columbia Year.

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

When you are comfortable in a State Officers role as I was as State Treasurer after two years, its than time to move on and as State Secretary is a new learning experience. This past year as your State Secretary I have worked closely with the State Deputy, fellow State Officers, District Deputies, State Personal, Grand Knights and all Brother Knights who have reached out to me. Learning don't stop at a State level but is also at a Supreme level in the form of Virtual Meetings and seminars. Everyday you learn something new.

A Past State Deputy once said to me, if you want to succeed on any level than communication is the sole key factor.

In closing, I wish to thank all my Brother Knights for the trust and confidence you have placed in me by electing me as your State Secretary. I look forward to another successful upcoming Columbia Year working with each and everyone of my Fellow Brothers.

On behalf of myself and my wife Pat, I extend fraternal greetings to all my Brother Knights and their families as we meet in St. John's to celebrate our 108th State Convention.

Fraternally,
Brendan Vickers
State Secretary



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District Deputy # 1

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District #1 is composed of 4 Councils which are active –Bishop Dalton Council **1448**, Avalon Council **2223**, Monsignor McCarthy Council **5902**, and Cabot Council **6001**. All Councils cooperate and attend District meetings.

Council 1448 is starting to see better attendance at meetings. The Grand Knight has stepped back because of health reasons; the Executive, with a new Grand Knight appointed, are trying to keep things together, helping at Parish events, and helping with Rosaries for deceased parishioners and deceased members. The Parish has a new Parish Priest and looks like he will become a good asset to the Knights of Columbus in the parish. Council 1448 joined with Council 5902 to assist with CBN wildfire relief, joined with 5902 for the Silver Rose Program, and is always ready to assist with fraternal events, even in other Councils.

Council 2223 held elections on May 25, 2025 (during which time, the DD was in attendance). All positions filled. Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director are Safe Environment Compliance. Avalon holds regular general meetings on the third Sunday of each month, and each meeting is reasonably well attended. At their Columbus Day Celebrations in October (of which the DD was a very welcomed guest) the Council made their annual donations to each of their youth groups, the school breakfast programs, Helping Hand and Coats for Kids, Parish and priest donations, and their own Avalon Council scholarship program. They hold Rosaries for deceased members of the parish when the need arises. They offer the use of our building to the senior's group North River 50 Plus Friendship Club free of charge. This Council also contributes to those schools in their area that have scholarship funds (Ascension Collegiate, Amalgamated Academy, and Holy Redeemer). Council prepared Christmas packages for each of their widows before the holidays. These gift baskets were hand delivered to each of our widows before Christmas week.

Council 5902 held Elections at the beginning of the year. The GK, and the Family Director positions are Safe Environment Compliance, and the Community Director has started the process.

Columbus Day celebrations were held. Faith Program is going well, with ministries in church carried out by Knights, and support for the Parish both financially, and in any way possible. Many activities on the go: Rosaries for deceased members, Light Up for Christ program, etc. Community programs: supporting the local volunteer fire department, offering Coats for Kids, Back to School supplies, supporting veterans, community Christmas parade, etc. and of course, CBN Wildfires Relief offering accommodations, preparing meals for firefighters, and evacuees alike. Family Program includes Family of the Month, and Family of the Year. The Council facilitated Families in making Advent Wreaths, and offered the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Family get-togethers for family and friends of deceased parishioners, and deceased Brother Knights. Life Program offers an incentive for the Baby of the Month, and Life Programs like the "Silver Rose."

Ten new members have joined the Council so far, this fraternal year.

Council 6001 had election for Council Officers in the spring, but there was no Installation of Officers. The Council continues to be active in the Parish and continues to have and lead Rosaries for deceased members and parishioners at the funeral homes. The Council was an amazing support to Msgr. McCarthy Council during the CBN Wildfires, with some very generous donations, and much needed man hours of help preparing meals. Great Fraternal and Community support. Joined with Council 5902 for Silver Rose Program and is always ready to help when required. Three of the Councils need to look at the challenge of attracting new members. The overall membership is declining. 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.

**Fraternally,
Gerard Butt
DD #1**



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This District is comprised of St John De Baptist 7405, St Paul's 11776, Terra Nova 1452, St Teresa's 7702 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 during Mass in their churches and assisted at Parish run activities such as Parish Fun Days and Pancake Breakfasts after Sunday Mass. One council has completed a very successful COR Session and other councils in our District are working towards holding a COR session this year.

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. Councils sponsored various family activities such as Kids Christmas Parties and Family gatherings. One council also ran a successful Christmas Food Hamper Program that was well received by local residents.

Community support continued through donations to various organizations, holding basketball free throw competitions, funding for scholarships for high school graduates, 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 in and running local St Vincent De Paul Food Banks.

Support for Life Programs was achieved through financial support for the Centre for Life, organized annual BBQ and walk to raise funds for Center for Life, supply of products for the annual Centre for Life Fall Auction and running the Silver Rose program.

There has been good membership growth in three councils, two have achieved their yearly quota and one more is close to the quota, but we still need to focus more in this area. All councils in the District and State need to find ways to grow their council's membership. Some Parishes have seen a good growth in new Parishioners in the past year and we need to take advantage of that.

Three of the five councils in our District have held multiple Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Most Exemplifications have been organized and ran by a good team, but there is room for improvement. Possibly we can look at holding some Regional Training on this topic with support from Supreme Office, either virtually or in person, for the training.

One concern that I have for several councils is the lack of a good succession plan for the council. Councils appear to be just trying to fill all positions on an Executive with little focus on succession. This is even more important for the important roles of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Possibly State can find ways to offer more training and information on this topic. Another concern is adequate training for new Grand Knights. I have been at meetings this year where the Grand Knight was not sure on how to run a meeting and needed constant coaching by experienced council members. This does not serve for a well-run meeting and members quickly loose interest in a council meeting that is poorly ran.

The importance of the presence of a Chaplain and his involvement with the council cannot be emphasised enough. The Chaplain's Spiritual advisement and support for a council is the key to a successful council.

Overall this has been a successful year for all five councils and I expect to see continued improvement in the coming new Fraternal Year. Each council is unique and requires attention on different topics and I look forward to finding ways to help each council achieve success throughout the Columbian Year.

Regards
Eugene Drover
DD#3



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District Deputy #9

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Since July 1st, 2025 I have an opportunity to contact all five councils in district 09 and have attended many of the regular monthly council meetings at three of the councils. Due to geographic location and the winter weather, I have been unable to visit with Father Pumphrey Council 11577 (Little Bay) and Father T.P. Sheen Council 9289 (Baie Verte).

District 09 Councils:

Bishop McNeil Council 8555 (Pasadena):

This council of 45 members is a small council however they are very active in their community and this Columbian Year hasn't been any different. They may be older in age they are strong in work ethic, and dependability. Their community recognizes they are an active but older group that give where they can and do what they can to promote faith in Action, Community, Family and Culture of Life. Their Faith and Charities is gaining much respect for the knights from their community resident's. In their community they are recognized for their support of Holy Rosary Parish, the Kids eat smart program at Pasadena Academy and Pasadena Elementary. local persons in need and many local groups such a ladies' quilting group. They also financially support Immaculate Heart of Mary in Corner Brook. Their belief is knights do what they can to lift up the poor, be strong in their commitments and be fair and truthful to all. During this fraternal year, they have had charitable donations in excess of \$29,750.00 and approximately 5815 volunteer hours.

The membership quota for this council for the 2025-2026 fraternal year is five. So far they have been successful in recruiting four new members with plans to recruit more.

They operate under the core pillars of Faith in Action, Community, Family and Culture of life under which they have done the following:

- Several of their brother knights are involved in Holy Rosary Parish. There they perform altar and readers service as well as escorts and guard duties, along with their spouses who also contribute hours in similar duties.
- They held a Mass for their deceased brothers and attended funeral services for brothers from other councils that have passed away.
- Also, they look out for the widows when they have a function or at Christmas time with a special gift for each and everyone.
- Based on supreme's records, the only member of council 8555 compliant to date is the G.K. Patty McNeil.
- Council does plan to hold a church drive this year but hasn't done so to date.
- When there is a need in their parish for financial support or repair council steps up and assist as funds allow.
- They support a school in Africa with a donation each year of \$500.00.
- This year they also purchased two AED's for the Holy Rosary Church and Knight Hall at a total cost of \$6100.00.
- They also gave the local high school, Pasadena Academy, \$400 for their awards night.
- Several of their members are involved in the Christmas Hamper Committee and the local food for the food bank.
- In support of and in recognition of other groups in their community they hosted a supper for the town workers and a Carnival Breakfast in February 2026.

Fundraising:

- Their bingo Chairperson Brother Gord Lannon and his Bingo Team players are essential in the councils fundraising
- Grand Knight Paddy McNeil organizes council's Grand in the Hand Draws which involves 6 draws per year.
- One special draw of Super Santa which entails 100 tickets at \$100.00 each. This draw is currently sold out each year to the Bingo players, knights and knight supporters.
- Family and faith in action drives this council forward and Culture of life is heavily supported. This year they took on a massive fundraiser for a 38-year-old male resident of Pasadena who required a double lung transplant because of a hereditary lung disease. With the Grand Knight in lead, 1200 tickets were sold for 56 draws over a year resulting in \$28,000 in prize money and \$32,000 in profits. The profits were donated to the young man to cover his cost of living in Toronto and near the hospital, which could take up to a year.
- They also support the state lotteries and use them as a fundraising source.

Archbishop Howley Council 2581 (Corner Brook):

This council of 157 members is a very active in the Corner Brook area:

- Council 2581 has seven parishes under its jurisdiction including three round tables on the Northern Peninsula. In their respective parishes, the members take on such roles as collectors, lay readers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and any other required positions.
- Based on Supreme's records, the only member of council 2581 compliant to date is the G.K. Garry Parsons.
- To date, council 2581 has yet to conduct any degrees. However, they have a new online member who they are in the process of bringing into the council. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact the prospect.
- Council does plan to hold a church drive this year but hasn't done so to date.
- This year council has provided financial support to several local charities, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Western Memorial Regional Hospital Foundation, All Hallows Church and the Corner Brook firefighters toy drive to name a few.
- Under the direction of our State Chaplin, Father Terry, council hosted a COR program during the season of lent. The mini retreat sessions were held each Wednesday and were live streamed via Father Terry's face book page. The people who took part in the sessions found them to be very enlightening.
- During the month of October, council sponsored the praying of the Rosary followed by refreshments. This event was well attended by members and parishioners.
- In conjunction with the 4th Degree, council members participated in the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11, 2025.
- Once again, this year council:
 - Entered a float in the annual Santa Clause parade.
 - Sponsor a skating party for the children from the private catholic school, Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHMS) in Corner Brook to the tune of approximately \$500.00.
 - Sponsored the children's Christmas coloring contest.
 - Delivered Christmas food hampers under the direction of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.
 - Continued sponsorship of a senior's bingo at the long-term care facility in Corner Brook which it has done for an excess of forty years. Council's cost for this event is approximately \$750.00 per year.
 - Sponsored Mary's Kitchen during the months of July 2025 and January 2026. This involved approximately 30 brother knights setting up, serving meals to clients and cleaning up after the meal. This took place every Friday during these months and involved approximately 200 volunteer hours.
 - Continued to sponsor a Christmas Dinner and Dance for a local person with disabilities group called Active Living West.
 - This includes a \$500.00 donation to offset the cost of the meal.
 - Food preparation for the meal.
 - Approximately six brother knights dressed in black pants, white shirts and ties serving the guests.
 - A visit from Santa Clause.

- Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts and the unavailability of school space, the basketball free throw competition could not be held this year. It is planned to pick it up again next year.
- Council raises funds through the revenue received from state council ticket draws, membership dues, the sale of calendars and other sources such as grand in the hand draws.

Msgr. Brennan Council 8749 (Deer Lake):

Council 8749 has 38 members on the roster. They continue to schedule regularly monthly meetings. Unfortunately, they are not always able to hold a council meeting due not enough members to form a quorum. However, their assessments are now paid up and they are currently in good standing.

- To date they have not conducted their installation of officers for 2025 – 2026. However, Brother John McDonald is still the G.K.
- There was a plan to temporarily replace their F.S. who for some time now has not been able to perform the duties of the job due to personal reasons. However, to date he has not been replaced.
- Based on Supreme's records, no member of council 8749 are compliant.
- To date, council 8749 has yet to conduct any degrees. However, they have a new online member waiting to be transferred to their council.
- They have not submitted their form 185 for 2025 – 2026.
- During this fraternal year they were involved in the following activities:
 - Continued support of Immaculate Conception Parish in Deer Lake.
 - Restarted the monthly bingo which they held in the past.
 - Continued to support state and raise funds through the sale of state lottery ticket draws.
 - Host hockey watching parties for the members, their families and friends.
 - On November 11th, they laid a wreath during the Remembrance Day ceremonies held in Deer Lake.
- Council 8749 is not in good shape and it is only a matter of time before it folds again.
- It is my recommendation that this council be encompassed under Bishop McNeil Council 8555 (Pasadena) as a round table. However, this can only happen if both councils are receptive to the merger.

Father Pumphrey Council 11577 (Little Bay):

This council of 29 members is a small council however they are very active in their community and in the Sacred Heart Parish (Badger).

- To date council 11577 have not conducted their installation of officers for 2025 – 2026. However, Brother Harold Clarke is still the G.K.
- To the best of my knowledge, Council has not held an election of officers nor has an installation of officers taken place. I believe this is due primarily to the fact it is a small council with not a lot of members willing to take on the executive roles.
- Council has not appointed an EFF director but are actively involved in the church.
- Based on Supremes records, council 11577 is non compliant.

- The council is involved in a number of activities in the community including:
 - Donating \$100.00 to any community resident, including non-knights of Columbus members, who have to travel to St. John's for medical purposes.
 - Donating \$75.00 to any community resident, including non-knights of Columbus members who have to travel to Corner Brook for medical purposes.
 - Bringing fruit baskets to sick people in the community.
 - Raised \$1,500.00 for their parish priest, who is from Nigeria, to help him support the building of a church in Nigeria. The money was used to construct several pews in the new church.

Father T.P. Sheen Council 9289 (Baie Verte):

This council of 24 members is a small council however they are very active in their community and parish.

- To date council 9289 have not conducted their installation of officers for 2025 – 2026. However, Brother Carmen Morrison is still the G.K and William Drover remain the F.S.
- To the best of my knowledge, Council has not held an election of officers nor has an installation of officers taken place. I believe this is due primarily to the fact it is a small council with not a lot of members willing to take on the executive roles.
- They still hold regular monthly meetings. However, only 4 out of the 24 members attend.
- Council has not appointed an EFF director but are actively involved in the church.
- Based on Supremes records, council 9289 is non compliant.
- Council 9289 does not participate in state lotteries.
- Due to low attendance and declining revenue, they have ceased holding bingos and as a result, they are currently low on funds.
- In spite of their troubles, they are still active in St. Pius Parish in Baie Verte.
- Council 9289 is struggling and is in danger of folding.

Lessons Learned:

The councils under district 09 vary in size and geographic location. All of the councils in district 09 are actively involved in their respective parishes and communities and thus have a local knowledge of their areas. This is an area where council can learn from each other in terms of fundraising ideas and community activities ideas particularly in an area where councils are located in close proximity to each other. A good example of this would be Archbishop Howley Council in Corner Brook under the guidance of Bishop McNeil Council 8555 in Pasadena held a grand in the hand draw as a fundraiser for their 100th anniversary in 2025.

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It is with great pleasure that I submit this report on the activities and events that took place in District 10 during the past Columbian year. District 10 is comprised of three Councils: Our Lady or 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 Tom Brake). During the past year I have visited these Councils and conducted their election and installation of officers. I am in regular contact with the Grand Knights and we work together to resolve any issues as they arise.

OLPH Council 3742

The Grand Knight is in his fourth year and it is expected that he will be stepping down this year. The Deputy Grand Knight appears willing to step up to be his successor. While he has only three years experience with the Knights of Columbus, he seems motivated to take on this important leadership position. The Council Executive and Council at large have some very strong members who are engaged in running many of the excellent programs enjoyed by Council 3742 to include: Community Café, Angel Tree, Rosary Program, Icon, Keep Christ in Christmas and Light up for Christ, Blessing of Christmas Wreaths, Christmas Day Dinner, Coats for Kids, Basketball Free Throw and many more. The Council continues to have very strong fundraising capabilities through weekly bingo and the Toonie Toss which makes substantial funding available to support the Parish and community. The Council conducts in person exemplifications and took in five new members so far this year with and exemplification coming soon for two new prospects. Overall, this continues to be a strong Council and a change of leadership should have little to no impact.

P J Cooney Council 9789

This continues to be a small Council in a rural area with an ageing membership however they did manage to recruit four new members in the past year. The Council almost folded last year when the Grand Knight resigned. The only alternative at that point was to have the Financial Secretary

elected as Grand Knight in order to keep the Council functioning. It is clear that this arrangement cannot continue and either a new Grand Knight must be elected or a new Financial Secretary appointed in the new year. The Council runs very limited programs except for two major community activities: winter carnival and summer folk festival which provides them with sufficient funding. They are very good at supporting brother knights, widows and community members sick or in distress. They do not appear to have a close working relationship with their parish priest who is also their chaplain therefore religious programs are lacking. Overall, this continues to be a weak Council barely able to function and sustain itself year over year. Recruitment and the election of a Grand Knight will be key factors moving forward.

Our Lady of the Assumption Council 9464

This continues to be a small but very active Council with a strong executive and a highly effective Grand Knight. Their Council meetings are always well organized and conducted according to protocol with a rosary preceding the opening of every meeting. The Council runs several small but effective programs within their means including bingo, a community café and support to the food bank. They have a working relationship with the parish priest and support Sunday mass and special projects as required. They have recruited one new member this year and the in-person exemplification was held at their Council home with members assisting the team with the presentation. This past June the Grand Knight organized a special mass at St Josephs Church to retire the St Josephs Icon which was extremely well done. Overall, this is a small but effective Council with a positive impact in their parish and community. They are a great example of what a small Council in a small Parish can do within their limited means.

Conclusion

District 10 has had another busy year with our Councils supporting parishes and communities across the region. Recruitment continues to be a challenge however all three of our Councils have recruited new members in the past year which proves that it can be done. Many immigrant families are coming to our churches in recent years providing fertile recruiting ground for our Councils and this should be exploited if we are to grow our ranks.

The appointment of a full-time insurance agent for our area has been well received. Although the member lives in New Brunswick, he is very responsive to the needs of the members and their families in our area which brings a high level of confidence in the program.

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State Lottery 2025

During the state lottery campaign of 2025 there were 4887 State Lottery tickets sold, down 181 from the 2024's sales.

Last year 29 out of 34 Councils returned sold tickets. 19 Councils sold less, tickets than the year before and 10 Councils sold more than the year before.

With 181 less, tickets sold last year, a loss of \$4525.00 for state to conduct programs with.

Fall Ticket Sweep 2025

This past fall we once again went with a \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00 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 total of 23,201 tickets were sold. Gross income was \$38,783.00. 17 out of 18 Councils sold tickets.

Region "B" consists of 16 councils from Bishops Falls area, south coast, Western Newfoundland, and Labrador. A total of 17, 139 tickets were sold. Income was \$28,614.00

Ticket prizes for each region was \$7000.00, 1st \$5000- 2nd. \$1000- 3rd. \$500 & \$500 seller's prize

A total of 40,340 tickets were sold, with \$67,397.00 gross sales. **Remember you can't win it, if you're not in it.**

With lots of co-operation from all our brother Knights, 2026 lotteries will be more successful than 2025

Jerry Barker, State Lottery Chair



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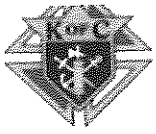
I am pleased to bring greetings to Convention 2026 and report to you in my Stewardship as Webmaster.

We have had a webpage for several years and it is an important means of communicating with our members and the public at large. When young people want to apply for State Scholarships they find the applications on www.kofcni.org and when the winners are determined they will find the results on our webpage.

After the winners of State Lotteries are picked, the results can be found on our webpage in a matter of minutes. When State Officers want to communicate with Grand Knights, they can do so through our Webpage.

Over the past year some councils have communicated their activities on **Knights in Action** section of our webpage. Only a few councils have taken advantage of this section. I invite all members to visit www.kofcni.org and offer some suggestions so we can improve our webpage

Patrick Craig PSD
Webmaster



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State Online Membership Chairman

Date: 2 May 2026

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. These men would then be Associate Members under the jurisdiction of the State Council in which they reside. 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 the 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 “free online joining” with no 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.

To **April 1st, 2026**, 33 new members have joined online in NL this fraternal year, which is in line with last year on this date. Our all-time intake for Online Membership is 223, with 64% of these so far converting or migrating to a local Council.

Each council is asked to consider promoting Online Membership. No paper work required.

Fraternally,
Gerard P. Butt, State Online Membership Chair



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State Special Olympics Chairman

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2025 - 2026 Special Olympics Report

Special Olympics (S.O.) is a global organization that serves athletes with intellectual disabilities working with hundreds of thousands of volunteers and coaches each year. Since the establishment of Special Olympics in 1968, the number of people with and without intellectual disabilities who are involved with the organization has been growing, but the unmet need to reach more people with intellectual disabilities is staggering.

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Those activities give them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship.

Special Olympics 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.

The Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Summer Games were held in the Town of Gander from July 3rd - 6th, 2025. Teams from across the province competed in the games and by all accounts they were a success.

This year the 2026 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games will take place in Medicine Hat, Alberta, from August 11 to 15, 2026, featuring around 1,700 athletes competing in ten sports. Again, this year Newfoundland and Labrador will be represented by team NL.

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 one council has reported being involved in or plan to be involved in any S.O. programs within their local areas during this fraternal year.

- 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



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Community Director

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Thank you Worthy State Deputy, Paul Baldwin for appointing me as State Community Director for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland Labrador for the year 2025 - 2026.. 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 has been a great success this year with two more councils participating. Winners have been selected and sent to 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. There were two more councils participating in this program. The names of the winners were sent to State Council for prize pay out. This is a worth while program and I encourage more councils to participate.

Coats for Kids is doing well across the jurisdiction with many councils participating to help keep kids warm during the winter months.

The Basketball Free Throw Competition was another great success this year. There were participants from 3 regions. We had about seventy-five 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

Program Community Director



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SACRED HEART OF JESUS PILGRIM ICON REPORT FRATERNAL YEAR 2025/2026

Pilgrim Icon Director

Date: 2 May 2026

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 would like to thank State Deputy Paul Baldwin for appointing me Director of the Pilgrim Icon Program for Newfoundland and Labrador, and State Warden Darrell Long for helping coordinate the program in this jurisdiction for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year.

The Icon is a replica of a painting featuring an image meaningful to Knights, their families, their councils and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several icons every couple of years. These replicas travel from council to council, and parish to parish, serving as a centerpiece for veneration and prayer services. The current icon depicts the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Newfoundland and Labrador received two Sacred Heart Icons in early 2025. One is located on the east coast while the second is located in the western region and Labrador. Both Icons have been circulating throughout the jurisdiction since their arrival.

One Icon was on display at the 2025 State Convention and was present at the State Mass.. State Treasurer Darrell Long subsequently coordinated the circulation of that Icon in the eastern part of the jurisdiction. The second Icon was circulated in the remainder of the jurisdiction, which includes Labrador. It was on display at the Organizational Meetings in July, and was then circulated to four of five districts. Plans are now being made to send the Icon to Labrador where it can be venerated and adored by brother Knights, their families, their councils, and the many isolated parishes in that part of the jurisdiction.

Unfortunately, while two Icons are available in the jurisdiction, there have not been many requests for them in recent months. State Treasurer Darrell Long has forwarded a memo to all State Officers, District Deputies and Grand Knights encouraging them to ask for the Icons, and

make them available to all members and parishioners for prayer services at their councils and parishes.

I am including a part of that memo in this report:

The Sacred Heart of Jesus ICON tour continues here in Newfoundland and Labrador and all of our Knights of Columbus councils are encouraged to participate in the program. This is a prime opportunity to strengthen parish life, invite men back to the Church, and renew our identity as Knights committed to Christ.

For generations, devotion to the Sacred Heart has been a wellspring of renewal in the Church. It is a devotion rooted in Christ's boundless love for humanity—a love that heals, restores, and calls us to holiness. By welcoming this Icon into our communities, we are not simply hosting an image; we are opening the door for Christ Himself to touch hearts, strengthen families, and awaken vocations. At a time when our Church and our families face unprecedented pressures, Christ invites us to return to the very center of our faith: His Heart, burning with mercy, strength, and sacrificial love.

Your State Executive encourages all councils to welcome the Sacred Heart with open hearts and allow this tour to inspire a renewed spirit of faith and mission among our members.

Please reach out to Brother Gordon Lannon for the west coast ICON and Brother Darrell Long for the East Coast ICON and scheduling for your council. — a Holy Hour, rosary, family consecration, or parish gathering. Promote it widely, involve your pastor, and make it a moment of visible witness.

Let us lead with devotion and bring the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into every corner of our province.

Hopefully, this memo will generate a more renewed interest in the Pilgrim Icon Program which continues for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Columbian Year, and into the 2026-2027 Columbian Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leo Gordon Lannon, PSD
Director, Pilgrim Icon Program
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Evangelization and Faith Formation Director

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You don't have to look far in Canadian society to realize that there is a faith crisis. This is especially of men. A large number of brothers that have been baptized as Catholics, have left the church. While some remain, some are only culturally Catholic. Sadly, many men do not know our faith nor do they practice it. Yet, there are men who seek the truth. The beautiful, the good and the working to bring the peace and joy of Christ into the world. Many of these are the Knights of Columbus who are living Unity, Charity, Fraternity. Love God with their full being and love their neighbour as themselves. This is why the Knights of Columbus introduced COR. I invite every Knights of Columbus council in Newfoundland & Labrador to participate in COR. COR is latin for Heart and is the root of the word, Courage. Through prayer, formation and fraternity, we have to return to the Heart and direct the heart in relationship to God and each other.

COR is meant to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation and fraternity. The goal of every COR gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to pray together, to encounter Christ, to be formed in faith and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood. First place to start is for your council leadership to speak to your local pastor. COR should only be implemented after speaking to the pastor for his permission to bring COR into each parish. It's a simple concept and COR should be kept simple As it was mentioned at a COR seminar in New Haven, CT. COR is not a program and as Father Wayne Dohey put it, Keep it simple. That is exactly what COR is gearing towards, bringing Prayer back to the Knights of Columbus, but keeping it simple.

As our Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly put it " Ultimately we have the responsibility to evangelize our culture. We have little choice because if we don't evangelize our culture, our culture will evangelize us". In many ways, the cultural current is trending against us. It tells us that what we hold to be right, is wrong and what we hold to be true, is false. Its no wonder that Catholic families are struggling. Consider the facts that nearly a third of Catholic marriages end in divorce. 8 out of 10 Catholic children leave the church by their early 20's. The age that they begin to fall away is at age 13. These challenges are unprecedented. Our commitment to address them must also be

unprecedented . It falls to us to strengthen the Catholic family. The Knights of Columbus is well suited to the task. For generations we have helped Catholics to become better husbands, better fathers, and better men in every respect. This is what the world needs right now. Last year we launched a new video series “ into the breach”. Its 12 episodes focusing on the topics that matter most to men. Into the breach has proven to be very popular. To date, it has been viewed more than 750,000 times. Its content makes into the breach a template for future projects. Our growth depends on empowering men to be the husbands, fathers that God wants us to be.

Since the beginning of our Knights of Columbus Columbian year for 2026, I have visited councils on the Avalon Peninsula. I met in September with council 7405 in Torbay and had 6 Brother Knights discussing COR and ways to bring COR to the parish. That same month, I had a meeting with council JB kent 6638 in Mt. Pearl and met with 30 Brother Knights along with their Pastor, Father Wayne Dohey. In October , I had a COR discussion at St Pauls council 11776 and pastor John Sullivan with 27 Knights to discuss COR . I also met in October with Blessed Trinity council 6792 in CBS with 27 Brothers in attendance and Monsignor McCarthy council 5902 in Carbonear with 35 Brothers discussing COR. In November, I met with St Kevins council 7786 in the Goulds . I have planned meetings upcoming with other councils to discuss COR. Archbishop Howley council 2581 with our State Chaplain, Father Edward Terry, has adopted a way for all Brother Knights, their families and friends to join his Facebook page as he has a live stream to anyone who has Father Terry on Facebook.

With the spring season upon us, I will be contacting other councils to discuss COR in order to meet with brother Knights to bring COR to councils in order to help bring prayer back to the Knights of Columbus.

By speaking to all councils through various means of onsite discussions, technology, COR helps us focus on strengthening Catholic men through prayer, formation , and fraternity primarily via the COR program .It aims to create Christ-centered brotherhood, fostering missionary disciples to lead families and parishes. COR seminars aim to build authentic, supportive relationships among men, often leading to increased parish involvement and personal spiritual growth.

Key Aspects of COR:

- Purpose: to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and create a , “courageous” fraternity.
- Components: Structured around prayer, formation, and brotherhood.
- Goal: To help men live out their vocations, grow in virtue, and to lead within their families , communities and parish.
- Availability: More information can be found at Kofc.org/cor

Blessed Michael McGivney had a keen understanding of everyman’s call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. COR continues this mission by centering men’s hearts on Jesus so they can be transformed by an authentic relationship with him and each other.

Everything flows from the heart . If you get the heart right, you get the man right-a man of faith who will courageously live out the mission God calls him to.

Fraternally,

Michael Connolly
Evangelization and Faith Formation Director NL.