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Brothers we are just two weeks away from our 101th Convention and two and half months from the end of the Columbian year. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus.

“History of Lent”

By the time you read this Lent will almost be completed. I received the article below from Ron Schuster, State Deputy of Alberta and I thought it was well worth sharing with you.

Early Christians felt the importance of Easter called for special preparations. The first mention of a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for Easter is found in the Canons of Nicaea (AD 325). It is thought the tradition may have grown from the early church practice of baptismal candidates undergoing a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for their baptism at Easter. Eventually, the season evolved into a period of spiritual devotion for the whole church. During the initial centuries, the Lenten fast was very strict but relaxed over time.

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ – his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death and resurrection.

Many Catholics or other Churches that observe Lent, celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally, pancakes are eaten on Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) to use up rich foods like eggs and dairy in anticipation of the 40-day fasting season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, which is French for Fat Tuesday. During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast, or to give up something – a habit, such as smoking, watching TV, swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets,

chocolate, or coffee. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, such as reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

Strict observers do not eat meat on Fridays, often opting for fish instead. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen the faith of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God.

Thank you and your families for all the time and dedication that you give your councils and our order. I look forward to seeing many of you at our convention.

I would like to take this time to wish each and every Brother knight and their families a Blessed and Holy Easter.

Vivat Jesus!
Brian Hurley

State Chaplain's Message



Dear Brother Knights:

This Knightly Newsletter comes at a time when we are celebrating the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen from the Tomb. This message of new life, out of death, is the great Christian paradox. There is a dying before a rising. The Lord Jesus proved this through his own personal suffering, death and resurrection. This is the pattern the Knights of Columbus follow in their service to the Church

Like the origin of Easter, the origin of the Easter Bunny has roots that go back to pre-Christian, Anglo-Saxon history. The holiday was originally

under the banner of Unity, Charity and Fraternity.

We do not grow weary in the dying and rising of the everyday, rather as Knights we put our faith into action in order to bring new life to family members, parish members and to members of the wider community.

There is a Prayer of Generosity attributed to Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. This prayer expresses well the call to Christian service of the Venerable Michael J. McGivney, founder of the esteemed Order of Knights: "Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight, and not to the heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, save that of knowing that I do your holy will."

May Easter belief in the Risen Christ Jesus continue to strength our willing and helping hands as Knights of Columbus in order to be worthy instruments of God's life-giving compassion and love to our Church and to our world.

Brother Knights, I wish you and your Families a holy and happy Easter season!

Sincerely,
Fr. William Hearn,
State Chaplain

Origin of the Easter Bunny

A pagan celebration that worshipped the goddess Eastre. She was the goddess of fertility and springtime and her earthly symbol was the

rabbit. Thus, the pre-Christian Anglo-Saxons worshipped the rabbit believing it to be Eastre's earthly incarnation.

When the Anglo-Saxons were converted to Christianity, the pagan holiday, which occurred around the same time as the Christian memorial of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, was combined with the Christian celebration and given the name Easter.

Originally, there were some very pagan practices that went along with the Easter celebration. Today, Easter is often commercialized, with all the focus on eggs, the Easter bunny, etc.

Because of this, many churches are starting to refer to it as Resurrection Day.

(From all About)

State Secretaries Message



Brothers, our 101st State Convention is fast approaching. It's less than two weeks away

This year the Knights of Columbus is celebrating 111 years of service to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Our first council was chartered in 1908, and the State Council came into being in 1918.

This year's convention is being held at the Quality Hotel & Suites in Gander. And, I strongly encourage all councils to book their

rooms as soon as possible. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at special rates for the convention delegates.

Worthy Grand Knights, in order for Council Delegates to attend and participate in the State Convention, delegates must be in good standing with their council, and councils in turn, must be in good standing with the State Council. All assessments and Registration Fees must be paid prior to convention.

Brothers, we ask your cooperation in order for this convention to be a success. I look forward to seeing you and your families there.

Fraternally,
Gordon Lannon
State Secretary

State Treasurers Message



Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Vice-Supreme Master, Worthy Masters, Worthy State Directors, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and delegates to the 101st State Convention.

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 2017-2018 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 State Convention in April 2018 and thanks to the support of my fellow State Officers, and all the 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 thank you for your cooperation and support this past year. I would also extend my sincere thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Brian Hurley and to my fellow State Officers, for their unwavering support throughout the year.

On behalf of my wife Delores, I offer fraternal greetings to all Brother Knights and their families, as we come together this weekend in Gander, to celebrate our 101st Annual State Convention.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Treasurer

Real teams don't emerge unless individuals on them take risks involving conflict, trust, independence and hard work
(Katzenbach & Smith)

State Advocates Message



Brother Knights, as we enter the final quarter of this Columbian year let's look back and celebrate all we have done this year. As Councils start the process of electing new Council executives for the year 2019-2020 please consider accepting a role that will help your Council to continue its growth and expand our mission of fostering Faith in Action by continuing our programs in Faith, Family, Community and Life. Supreme Office has some interesting and worthwhile trainings webinars and other training materials suitable for all members of the Council. Invite our newer members to avail of this training so they can learn what Knighting is all about. The more they know the more we can encourage them to participate.

As we celebrate our 101st year of Knighting in this province lets be proud of our accomplishments. My wife Sheila and I wish all my Brother Knights success now and in the future.

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher SA
State Program Director

Past State Deputies Message



Our jurisdiction has more than 3000 former/inactive members listed. We continue to try and update these lists through submitting Membership Documents (Form 100) to Supreme Council to remove the names of deceased former members.

The former members list is available to each council through the Membership Management and Billing system. I encourage you to review this list and identify former members who you think may be interested in rejoining. You can also update the list locally by removing deceased former members. This list is an excellent tool for Councils to use to grow membership, however the degree of success will require planning and follow-up. These men left the Order for a variety of reasons over the years and the reason they left may not apply today. Identify former members who you feel may be interested in rejoining and then make personal contact. Also, if you are successful in getting an inactive member to rejoin our order than you will gain a member and an insurance member.

To date, we have reactivated 4 former/inactive members. On behalf of the Membership Chairman, I thank those Councils for their efforts. I urge all Councils to continue their efforts in welcoming back Brother Knights during the remainder of this fraternal year. Your council will be stronger for it.

Mary and I wish everyone a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you at the 101st State Convention in Gander

Emile J Cabot
Immediate Past State Deputy
Chairman Former/Inactive Members

***The power of One
One Member per Council
Per Month***

District Deputy #2

“Celebrating Founder’s Day”

To celebrate the Order’s 137 birthday on March 29th Fr. Francis Jackman Council # 9303 and Holy Spirit Council # 6792 combined their man power and held a Food Drive on Saturday March 30th.

This Food Drive was conducted at the Dominion store in Long Pond, Sobeys and No Frill’s stores in Paradise from 8am – 4pm.

The amount of food received was approximately 1500 lbs valued at \$ 9000.00.

In addition to the food, donations in the amount of \$460.00 were received. The recipient of the food and money was the CBC/ Paradise Food Bank.

Total manhours was 60.

This resulted in a very successful charitable service project in honour of Father McGivney.

Thanks for your participation and may you and your families have a Happy and Holy Easter.

Vivat Jesus
Leonard Furlong DD # 2



District Deputy #4

Brother Knights, at this time I would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy Brian Hurley for appointing me as District Deputy 4 for the second Year of the second term for a total of 4 years in total. It has been quite an experience working with the three active councils in district 4 which consist of Terra Nova Council 1452 St.John's, Conception Council 1930 Bell Island, and Corpus Christi Council 7786 St.john's.

One of the councils in District 4 celebrated a very special anniversary on December 7, 2018. Conception Council 1930 on Bell Island was that Council. There were activities scheduled and took place all through-out 2018 with the official banquet taking place on December 7. This date is the actual anniversary date.

All three Councils have been very active in all four-program area's Faith, Family, Community and Life. Year-end reports have been submitted to State for judging and I wish them all well in the judging.

As we are getting closer to the end of another Fraternal Year and prepare for the future of the councils in my District. I'm sure they will do well under the guidance of the Grand Knights and the State Executive who will always be there to fulfill the mission of Father Michael J. McGivney.

A special thanks to the wives of all Brothers of the District that I represent, and to all the other Districts as well for the support they have provided. Thank you, Ladies.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,
John C. Atkins
District Deputy #4

Ponderisms

*Why do you have to "put your two cents in"...
but it's only a "penny for your
thoughts"? Where's that extra penny
going? (taxes)*

*If a deaf person has to go to court, is it
still called a hearing?*

District Deputy #5

Greetings to my Brother Knights in District # 5 comprising of St Mary's Council 13320, St Ann's Council 6494 and Dean Patrick Cleary Council 6672.

In the next few weeks or less, we will be having our annual State convention, drawing us closer to the end of the Columbia Year. I like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all Brother Knights in my District for their dedication and hard work to our Fraternal Order.

This is the second year of my term and I would like to express my sincere Thanks to our State Deputy Brian Hurley for the opportunity of being your District Deputy in District # 5.

Although the Columbian Year is coming to a close soon, I would like to encourage each Council in my District to continue on during the summer months, the good work that our order is so proud of.

My Wife Pat and myself wish all Brother Knights a most successful State convention.

Vivat Jesus
Brendan Vickers
District Deputy # 5

District Deputy #7

Greetings from District #7

As the District Deputy for District #7 it is a pleasure to use this edition of Knightly News to extend fraternal greetings to all Brother Knights on behalf of Councils in District #7.

At this point in the Columbian Year, Councils are busy making the final preparations for the annual convention in Gander on the weekend of April 26th. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Gander and I am looking forward to setting new goals and making strategic plans for the year ahead.

There is lots to look forward to at this convention. I am especially interested in seeing council's being recognized for the great work that has been conducted throughout our jurisdiction this past year in areas of membership and programs.

As District Deputy I greatly appreciate the cooperation received from Grand Knight Pat Kennedy, Grand Knight Kevin Organ and Grand Knight John Power during the year. Grand Knights, as a final reminder please make sure your council is in good standing with both Supreme and the State Council to ensure you have a smooth journey through the convention registration line.

Sincere thanks to our State Deputy Brother Brian Hurley for giving me the opportunity to serve as District Deputy for District # 7. It has been a pleasure serving as District Deputy and my first year has been both challenging and rewarding.

Fraternally yours,
John George
District Deputy
District #7

District Deputy #9

Brother Knights, First I want to say it was an honor to serve as your District Deputy in District #9.

As the Columbian year is winding down, I would like to wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

District #9 consists of three active councils, Archbishop Howley Council 2581, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council 8555, and MSGR Brennan Council 8749.

These councils have been very active in both their Parish and their communities. As DD #9, I would like to thank the past executives and congratulate the incoming executives for the new Colombian year 2019-2020.

I am available to assist you all, in any upcoming business, events or concerns. Your diligence and hard work show in the success of your councils. Enjoy your summer with family and friends. Take some time to reflect and recharge for any challenges in the year ahead.

Vivat Jesus
Keith Kean
DD #9

**Why are you IN a movie, but you're
ON TV?**

District Deputy #10

Brother Knights, greetings from District 10. District 10 consists of Fr. P.J. Cooney Council 9789 Codroy Valley, Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 Stephenville Crossing and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville. The year is winding down as we are heading into the convention. All 3 Councils in my district have been active in all 4 new programs areas of Church, Community, Faith and Family. I would like to wish all Councils who submitted reports good luck in the judging. There are no losers in the judging of reports, any Council who submits a report is a winner.

Fraternally
Ron Aucoin
District Deputy #10

Program Director

Greetings Brother Knights. I bring you greetings on behalf of my wife Sheila and myself. As your state Program Director, I want to thank all members for your contributions to the many programs sponsored by Supreme, State and at Council levels. Many of our programs in the Family and Community areas are witnessed by many people many who are not associated with the Knights. Young school age children are encouraged to partake in our poster and Essay Contests, Basketball Free throw Championships. Many scholarships are awarded to our students in Newfoundland and Labrador. Many individuals are helped by running fundraisers to

assist the challenged the sick and needy. This is what being a Knight is all about. As part of our Faith program the new Marion Hour of Prayer ICON's are now being used in Marion Prayer's throughout the province. Let's get our message out with more information in local newspapers and parish bulletins. Continue on with the great work that you do every day.

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher SA
State Program Director

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

How did the man who made the first clock, know what time it was?

Community Director

Brothers Knights, Firstly I want to introduce myself as Brother Keith Kean, your State Community Director. Faith in Action's Community sector includes the following programs: Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Preparedness, Free Throw Championship, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, and Helping Hands (a new program for this year).

As the Community Director, I'd like to advise all Councils that they also have to complete training in ARMATUS as well as a background check.

These training programs are found within the Safe Environment – Office of youth protection.

With Council elections coming up in the very near future, please ensure to complete the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) including all member e-mail addresses.

Enjoy your summer with family, friends, and Keep Faith in Action

Vivat Jesus
Keith Kean
State Community Director

Life Director

Greetings to all Brother Knights.

As Easter draws near, I want to remind all Brother knights that our mission to protect those who are most vulnerable is indeed ongoing in many of our councils. This year's reports illustrate the support given to our life program. Councils have reported care for the poor, the unborn, the aged, youth, persecuted Christians and people with special needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all councils who have completed their reports for this fraternal year. I would encourage other councils to become more active and visible in our life program.

One small way to do this is for all Councils and Brother knights to become members of the Centre for Life. Membership is only \$20.00 annually. This membership helps the Centre for Life affirm and defend life in all its stages and in every condition.

Praying and promoting the Novena for Life also shows support for our program. As Mother Theresa said, ***“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love”***.

This Easter season is the perfect time to celebrate new life for all. On behalf of my wife and myself I hope the miracle of Easter brings you and your families love, joy and happiness. Happy Easter.

Yours in Life,
Eugene Hurley
Life, Director

State Youth Director

Brothers, we are about two weeks away from our 2019 State Convention in Gander. This year has been a great year for the Youth Program. The Keep Christ in Christmas, the Alcohol Awareness and Abuse and Drug Awareness and Abuse contests went well. I wish to thank all the participants and those who helped with those contests.

The Free Throw Competition again this year was well attended and thank you to all the participants. Also, I would like to thank Notre Dame and P.J. Connors Councils for hosting the Regional and State Competitions. Thank you to all the knights who helped at those events.

The Essay Contest went fairly well this year. This year there were winners in the three divisions. Again, thanks to the members who helped with the judging of the event.

The winners of all the events will be announced at the 2019 State Convention in Gander.

I encourage all councils to keep up their support for all the youth and the youth projects of our jurisdiction.

John Thoms
State Youth Director

Scholarship promotion

Brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Scholarships are available to students who will graduate Grade XII with Honours in June 2019 and will be attending a Post-Secondary institution in September.

Application deadline: May 1, 2019. Information and applications can be found under scholarships on the Supreme Council website at www.kofc.org. Look in the upper right-hand corner and click “for members”, click “programs”, click “scholarships” and select “Fourth Degree Pro Deo Pro Patria (Canada) Scholarships”.

Complete the member information order form, click “submit” and it should allow you to print the application.

If you encounter problems, please contact Maurice Lewis at 709-447-4461.



Insurance Promotion

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Disability Income Insurance---Receive an income even when you can't work.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America and is a top rated Insurance Company. A.M. Best has given the Knights of Columbus program its highest rating for 42 consecutive years showing our track record for excellence and security. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus has over \$100 billion of insurance in force and has 17 consecutive years of growth in insurance sales.

All members and families should be informed about our insurance and investment products.

“Living a long life is a near certainty. Planning for it now is a necessity” (unknown)

“Consider buying life insurance not because you might die, but because your wife and children must go on living.”

Call your agent today and book an appointment. It could be the most important appointment you will ever make.

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State Lottery

Brother Knights,

The annual State Convention is soon upon us. At this time the Annual State Lottery draws will take place. At last year’s convention there were 7336 state lottery tickets returned sold, an increase of 314 over the previous year. This year let’s hope that swing upwards continues this year. Remember the biggest winners in this lottery are the Councils who can continue their great work at the local level, with the rebates they receive. On behalf of the State Lottery Committee, John Thoms, Dave Delaney, Eugene Hurley and myself, Jerry Barker, have a great convention and a great summer.

Jerry Barker
State Lottery

State Membership Director

Brother Knights, another year has slipped by and it seems like only a couple of months ago that we were attending State Convention in St John's. I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to our 2019 State Convention here in Gander, especially members who are attending for the first time. This is a great opportunity to meet and share ideas and stories with other councils and get a better understanding of what is involved in keeping our jurisdiction strong and vibrant by “Growing the Order “!

How do we “Grow the Order”? The first step is to form a MEMBERSHIP committee and work as a team to make a list of prospects in your area. This can be done through different means such as Church Drives, bulletin announcements, advertising, social media and many other creative ways. This year we have added a new method of recruiting called E-MEMBERSHIP. We have experienced some growing pains with this, but we have had some degree of success with this initiative. The main thing is to seek out NEW or FORMER prospects to join or re-join the Knights of Columbus. But in doing so, we have to show the prospect the benefits of being a member. Therefore, we must be knowledgeable of our organization so as to provide the proper information to future candidates.

Brothers, after Convention, we have two (2) months remaining in the Columbian year and, traditionally, these months show councils becoming more active in MEMBERSHIP due to a number of reasons: attaining Star Council Status, and meeting more prospects because

more people are participating Spring time activities. Spring seems to create a new energy in people and, as a result, people take on a more positive attitude towards many things, including RECRUITMENT. Your councils and individual members should take advantage of this positive energy and ask a family member, other relative, friend, parishioner, co-worker or any eligible Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus. Remember that this was the dream of our Founder Father McGivney!

I want to encourage all councils to become Membership Active. Many of our councils are advertising what they are doing at the council level through social media and it seems to be having a positive influence on membership for those councils. Keep up the good work!

In closing, I would like to wish all delegates to State Convention a very successful and rewarding experience in Gander. I look forward to meeting most of you there.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Membership Director

Financial Secretaries Training Corner

Brother Knights, we are well into the new-year 2019 and I hope that you are enjoying the labour savings offered by the Member Management and Billing System. The system is great for recording all your financial transactions and this gives you a broad range of reporting. Once you identify your reports needs and record your income and expenses in the system, the reports

you can generate are almost limitless. In addition to reports by receipts, vouchers, and income and expenses by accounts and events; all reports are available by date or period that you request. These reports are available within minutes and can be tailored to your requirements. Data can also be extracted and reported as defined by you or the data can be downloaded into a spreadsheet that you can manipulate. The system gives you the flexibility you need to assist your council to run more efficiently and effectively.

I hope to see you at the April annual convention in Gander where we can further discuss the system's power and advantages. I am always available to answer any questions that you may have and deliver any training and support that you may need on the Member Management and Billing System.

Dennis Jones.
State Financial Secretary
Training Coordinator

Masters Report

Numbers? This overview is described in Arabic figures. My answers when people ask, "Well how big is the 4th Degree and are they all over the world?" The answers are yes of course its big and universal. And here are the numbers. There are 4 Divisions of the 4th Degree in the world. Division IV, to which we belong, has Provinces with 7000 or less members. The divisions are divided into Provinces and the Provinces into Districts. I am the Master of the Newfoundland Labrador District. Our district is one of four in

the Most Rev Francis C. Kelley Province. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island comprise our brother Districts in Atlantic Canada. And we are one of four Districts in our Province. And our Province is one of the six that comprise Division IV. See what I mean by numbers.

In our geographical area there are, as of January 31, 2019, in total, 23,706 Brother Knights with only 4,991 Sir Knights. This means 18,715 brothers are not 4th Degree Knights - about 21% actually. The members of the Honor Guards represent some 10% of that number.

The First Division is made up of Provinces with more than 20,000 members. That Division has over a million Knights but only 204,813 Sir Knights - again about 20 % with 10% in Honor Guards.

The Supreme Master reported last summer that on 1 July 2017 the 4th Degree membership total was 258,907, 18.4% of the Orders total Membership. As of 30 June 2018, the number of Sir Knights increased to 363,131 increasing to 18.5% of total membership. Slow growth for sure. He said we need at least a 2% growth increase each year over death and suspensions.

Here is an overview of the age and membership parameters in the Order: 18-29 = 6,643; 30-44 = 28591; 45-64 = 137,956; and over 65 = 185,707. The average age of a 4th Degree member is 64.

So, we ask these perennial questions: Why do men join the 4th Degree or not? How do we attract new members to the Patriotic Degree? And we have only one source the 3rd Degree. So "Houston we have a Problem."

On 1 July 2018 there were 5,264 Brother Knights in Newfoundland Labrador with only 1,110 of them being members of the Fourth degree. The distribution was as follows:

Archbishop Howley Assembly 0623 St. John's
288 Sir Knights

Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624 Corner Brook,
123 Sir Knights

Bishop O'Neill Assembly 0625 Grand Fall-
Windsor, 77 Sir Knights

Msgr. E.J. O'Brien Assembly 1600 Labrador, 69
Sir Knights

Cabot Assembly 1644 Avondale, 50 Sir Knights

Dalton Assembly 1645 Harbour Grace, 44 Sir
Knights

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Assembly 1653
Stephenville, 109 Sir Knights

McCormack Assembly 1658 Gander, 58 Sir
Knights

Bishop Scheffer Assembly 1732 Happy Valley-
Goose Bay, 12 Sir Knights

Msgr. Rawlings Assembly 2010 St. John's, 78
Sir Knights

Archbishop E.P. Roche Assembly 2028 St.
John's, 107 Sir Knights

Father John Murray Assembly 2436 Marystown,
36 Sir Knights

Father Stanislaus St. Croix Assembly 3490 St.
Albans, 22 Sir Knights

Father Edward Purcell Assembly 3638 St.
Mary's, 27 Sir Knights

The principles of Knighthood reach their pinnacle in the Patriotic Degree. We stand then for our country, our laws, our members, our families, our Catholic history and our veterans in a visible and unfailing commitment. Please consider becoming a Patriotic Degree member. Ask why not? You will be

Fraternally
Derm Whelan
Master

Holy Family Icon

On 2019 01 20 at 1030 am, The Holy Spirit Council K of C 6792 officially received the decommissioned Holy Family ICON, which was donated to HOLY FAMILY PARISH, PARADISE from the distinguished members of the 4th degree, escorted by State representative Gary Gallagher, State Advocate. Father Ray Earle received the ICON and the Holy Mass celebrated and a consecration to The Holy Family was performed. A nice ceremony which concluded with the ICON being placed in its new home in Holy Family Parish.

This was a true team effort and there are many to thank.



State Faith Director

In support of the faith life of our Brother Knights, their families and parish communities, the Knights of Columbus encourages Grand Knights to promote faith-based activities in their councils. A number of activities are recommended.

Councils are encouraged to help build the Domestic Church, most notably by setting up a Kiosk of faith-based literature in the Parish Church with documentation available from the Catholic Information Service. Steps to take on this dossier are outlined in the booklet distributed to you by the State Council.

A second activity encouraged by the Supreme Council includes the organization of regular Holy Hours. While I doubt that this activity will appeal to many Knights in Newfoundland and Labrador today, I encourage those interested to contact your Parish Priest to organize a first Holy Hour in order to gauge interest.

In a third activity recommended by the Supreme Council, Councils are encouraged to form discussion groups for the study of *Into the Breach*, an apostolic exhortation by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted. This exhortation outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. Again, details for the organization of study groups may be obtained through your Grand Knight.

Other programs recommended by the Supreme Council include the Marian Icon and Rosary Programs, as well as the RSVP programs. The first two speak for themselves and the third involves support for seminarians and other religious vocations. For every \$500 donated to

an individual seminarian, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council - up to a maximum of \$400 per council per fraternal year. If you have donated money and have not already requested your refund, I urge you to do so, at your earliest convenience.

If I may be of service in any of these areas, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to answer any questions you might have.

Robert Hurley,
Faith Director

Webinars

You might ask, what is a webinar, how do you cook that, what do you serve it with, do you use that for going fishing, what is it. A Webinar according to the dictionary is a seminar or other presentation that takes place over the internet allowing participants in different locations to see and hear the presenter, ask questions, and sometimes answer polls.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council have been conducting webinars for the past number of years. These webinars are open to all brother Knights. These webinars are always conducted live and usually at 9:30 pm local time. They usually run for 1 hour. Don't fret if you miss one, they can also be viewed at anytime after the live event.

The following statement is from the Supreme website: *Join the staff of the Fraternal Mission Department as we discuss relevant topics for effective council operation, membership*

recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members and build a stronger council. All Knights of Columbus members are welcome to join us.

Not available for the live presentation? Register anyway.

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Join us on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 8:30 PM when Fraternal Mission will discuss the “why” of Charitable Action! It is much more than writing a check – it is a service and Faith in Action!

In just an hour we will discuss “how”:

- *Charitable Action creates hope and motivates members*
- *Increasing awareness through visible service projects is attractive*
- *Creating opportunities through strategic partnerships builds alliances*

Join us for the live presentation or anytime on demand. Use the same link to register and to access the webinar.

Editors Note:

Brothers, I do apologize for not having this edition out on time. Some of the articles will be out of sync a little due to the delay in getting her done.

I would like to thank all contributors for your usual input and wish all a very successful 101st State Convention.

Bob Miller

