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State Deputies Message



Brothers, the past year has been one of change, not only for the Knights of Columbus in this jurisdiction, but for the Order worldwide. For this jurisdiction, the changes began with the election of a new executive at the 101st Annual State Convention in Gander in April 2019.

And those changes continue to influence the direction this jurisdiction, and all others in the K of C world, are taking. An example is the upcoming State Convention, just a little over a week away.

Brothers, as you are aware by now, this will NOT in any way, shape or form, be a conventional Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention.

The worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic has played, and is continuing to play, havoc with the plans of not only the Annual State Convention for this jurisdiction, but also with State Conventions for ALL jurisdictions in the Knights of Columbus world.

For many weeks now, staff at the Supreme Office have been scrambling to try to prepare a workable Virtual State Council Annual Meeting. We will see and experience the results of that work, as we hold the first ever Virtual Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador on Saturday April 25, 2020.

In this, the 102nd year, annual the meeting of brother Knights is being done virtually. Each council in the jurisdiction will still pick delegates to attend the Annual State Convention, but those delegates won't be required to travel to take part in any meetings. They will participate from the comfort of their own homes.

Another change came about at the November Organizational Meetings for State Deputies in Orlando, Florida. That was when the Supreme Knight introduced a new combined ceremonial, which will mean significant



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changes to the way things are done in the Knights of Columbus world. The new ceremony, known as ‘The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity’ removes

the barriers of secrecy and commitment of time that many Catholic men have found difficult when invited to join our ranks.

Enthusiasm has grown quickly and continues to grow for this change. In fact, early in 2020, the new combined degree was used at a ceremony in Sheshatshiu, Labrador at which time seven members of Canada’s First Nations became members of the Knights of Columbus.

Now another change is coming, and it is connected to the new combined degree as well. The Supreme Council has developed an Online Exemplification that allows men to join the Order while still observing the stay at home orders imposed by state and local governments due to COVID-19. You won’t need to travel outside your own home to join and become a full-fledged member of the Knights of Columbus.

Brothers, some of the changes we are experiencing were planned, others weren’t. But we are working through them all. And, we will get through them.

As the Coronavirus battle wages on, plans are being made, then revised and changed again, sometimes daily, to provide the necessary tools and guidance for our councils to continue their mission of charity and service. The Supreme Council has just released a new program, “Leave No Neighbor Behind”, a new K of C initiative for a worldwide response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Every council in this jurisdiction has been provided

with a handbook on ways and means to incorporate this new initiate into their activities and operations.

May God bless and protect each one of you and your families in this great order that we serve.

Vivat Jesus
Gordon Lannon
State Deputy, NL

State Chaplains Message



Dear Brother Knights, This is a most unusual 102nd State Convention 2020. It is being conducted by Teleconference in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For fear of spreading the coronavirus we are staying at home and keeping physical distance. These are trying times. Our church doors are closed to worshippers and the sacred mysteries of our Christian faith are celebrated in private by the clergy.

However, despite this stressful time of patient endurance, the Good News of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, must be proclaimed. Saint Paul tells us it cannot be chained or imprisoned.

We accomplish this as Knights of Columbus through our faith in action by means of our Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

The Lord Jesus did not choose to physically distance himself from the wood of the Cross. He embraced the Cross for us so that we could embrace him daily in his Resurrected life.

We trust that the risen Saviour will bless our Convention 2020 and prosper the work of our minds, hearts and hands as this distinguished Order moves forward in the service of our Church and our Province.

Brother Knights; let us in the words of the Sequence of Easter Sunday Mass 'share the good news, sing joyfully: his death is victory'.

I assure you and your families of my prayerful intercession for a happy, healthy, life-giving Easter. In these anxious coronavirus pandemic days, there can be no distance between us in Spirit when it comes to proclaiming what we know - our Redeemer lives! We are witnesses to this in all we say and do as members of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sincerely,
Father William Hearn
State Chaplain

State Secretaries Message



Worthy State Deputy,
Worthy State Chaplain,
Worthy Supreme
Representative, Worthy
Past State Deputies,

Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Worthy Master, and Delegates to the 102nd State Convention, This message is my report that is submitted to the 102nd State convention. it is my privilege, as State Secretary, to submit an annual report for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year.

Brother Knights, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as

State Secretary at the 101st Convention in Gander in April 2019. The great support of my fellow State Officers and all the subordinate councils in this jurisdiction has made my duties easier and more enjoyable throughout the year. With everyone's encouragement and assistance, I have also found that many challenges are minor obstacles to be overcome by learning new technical skills to help in the performance of different tasks that arise. As a result of working with a strong team, I have been able to get necessary information out to all concerned groups in a timely manner.

I look forward to working closely with all Brother Knights and their families for the remainder of this Columbian Year and I am looking forward to what the future brings.

On behalf of my Wife, Delores, I want to thank my Brother Knights for you're the trust and confidence you have placed in me this present year. In this time of crisis with COVID-19, I wish the best of health to all Brother Knights and their families as we meet to celebrate our 102nd State Convention.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Secretary

***This virus does not move,
people move. Please stay
home and stay safe***

STAY HOME

STAY SAFE

State Treasurers message



As we finish off the remaining part of this Columbian year, we find ourselves a little confused and no doubt concerned. A lot is happening in our world and our Province. Hopefully this pandemic will

end soon. Thank you to Councils who send in their assessments and contributions to the Member medical travel fund and insurance contributions. Your Member Medical funds help Brother Knights and our widows of our members travel to medical and hospital visits all throughout the province.

We have a group insurance policy which covers the activities of all councils in the province. This year our insurance broker changed underwriters part way through the year and resulted in additional increase in our premiums. Your State Board is looking at this policy and is reviewing it for possible changes. Our fall raffle proceeds were down slightly this year due to lower sales. Our Raffles are great fund raisers for your Councils. Your State Board does all the licensing planning, printing, advertising and pays out the prizes. You reap the rewards!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your State Treasurer this past year. As I write this report we are in the middle of great upheaval within our province and country Our parishes and our communities will need our Knights more than ever after this is over. We pray that this pandemic will be resolved, and we return to normal activities.

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher
State Treasurer

State Wardens message



Brother Knights, it is indeed a great privilege to bring greetings to all Councils in NL and Labrador. I hope and pray that all members and their families are healthy and safe.

I take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thanks to all Councils who organized and conducted the many programs during this past Columbian year. The programs that each Councils are participating in is what makes our order what it is.

With the list of programs that many Councils undertake, there are many programs that help us measure how Councils are performing throughout our jurisdiction.

In reading the great reports I have received from Councils it shows that you are fully engaged in our Faith in Action programs. Please continue your magnificent work.

As we all know the world has turned upside down and everyone is affected in some way. The day will come soon that we can continue with the great work our order is known for.

Keep safe, healthy and God Bless.

Fraternally
Brendan Vickers
State Warden/Program Director

The new phrase of the day is
SOCIAL DISTANCING

Past State Deputies message



Brothers, I hope this message finds you and your family safe. We are certainly in uncharted waters for our province, country and the world itself. Not in our lifetime have we seen anything like the COVID 19 pandemic. With God's blessing hopefully we will all get through this, keep praying for an early end so life can try and get back to some sense of normality.

I know the work of the Knights of Columbus is difficult if not impossible to conduct if we are adhering to the prescribed rules and laid out by the Province's Chief Medical Officer. One thing we all can do is to reach out to our members, especially those that maybe living alone and see if we can be of assistance to them. You may be able to help in some way, or it might just be someone to talk with. There are ways we can help, and I would encourage you to reach out to anyone you might know that is alone at this time.

God bless everyone and please stay safe.

Viva Jesus
Fraternally,
Brian Hurley IPSPD

Message from District Deputy #3

Brother Knights;

All is quiet on the Eastern Front. What a tormentous time for our communities. We thought the isolation of snowmagenddon was severe then we are subjected to COVID 19 pandemic. I urge all members to follow the guidelines from the government in order to

protect yourselves and you families from this pandemic. Our methods of activities have changed but the underlining principles of our order is still being followed. The executive of the councils is still meeting through electronic means and some of our good works are still continuing, such as food banks. I recommend that you contact your brother knights to stay in contact and help when necessary. This may be as simple as to pick up prescriptions or food especially for those in higher risk medical conditions.

The councils in District #3 comprise of Fr. JB Kent 6638, Mary Queen of Peace 7405, Holy Trinity 9807 and St. Paul's 11776. Each council continues their activities in the four program areas that support their parishes and community. The complete list of activities is too long to list here, however there are some exceptional activities that need to be acknowledged. Fr. JB Kent council supported their parish by donating \$15,000 for a Propane generator to prevent flooding at the Rectory during a power outage, providing financial assistance to St. Vincent de Paul and The Gathering Place to feed the hungry. Also FR. JB Kent Council conducted the New combined degree on March 14 the first on the Avalon Peninsula. Five new members went through the new degree and I must say it was performed exceptionally. An invitation was extended to other councils in the vicinity to attend.

St. Paul's Council continues to participate in the coats for kids' program to cloth the poor, laying wreaths to remember the brave people that fought and died for our freedom. Also St. Paul's provided the second installment of \$30,000 for the development of a multipurpose field for the youth and the community in general. This program took

fifteen years to complete with the cooperation of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's, NL Eastern School Board, City of St. John's, Govt. of NL and the Govt. of Canada. This field is only one of its kind in St. John's and the second in the province. This field can be used for any field sport and has a track around its perimeter for the athletes.

Mary Queen of Peace council assembled and paraded a KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS float in the St. John's Christmas Parade, the only float bearing the true meaning of Christmas. Holy Trinity council continues to support their parish by operating the parish hall and participating in the Parishes Garden Party and Torbay's Christmas parade

Each council has the complete support of their Parish Priests and are planning to continue to support them. I applaud each council in their spiritual and corporal works of mercy and offer my assistance to support their activities anyway I can.

Vivat Jesus
Ray Bonia
District Deputy #3

Message from District Deputy #4

Brother Knights; as we are getting closer to the end of another fraternal year, please accept the following described areas of importance, which I have submitted for this edition of the Knightly News.

At this time, I would like to thank the worthy state deputy, Gordon Lannon for allowing me to continue on in this position as District Deputy #4 for another Columbian year. This now makes a total of 5 consecutive years as district deputy of district# 4. All three councils in my district

consisting of Terra Nova council 1452 St. John's, Conception council 1930 Bell island, and Corpus Christi council 7786 St. John's. There are also two non-active councils consisting of council 8642 Southern Harbor, and council 9606 St. John's.

There is a detailed list of activities submitted to State as part of my yearend report. The following is a brief list of some of the activities that all three Councils have been involved in this Columbian Year.

Installation of officers:

Honor guard provided for Bishop Currie final mass at the basilica

Honor guard provided for the placing of the icon at holy family parish in paradise. Service by father Ray Earle.

Honor guard provided for the Ordination of our new Bishop Hundt

Free throw (regional) at bishop field school, and presented medals.

Valentines dance held

St. Patrick's mercy home bingo for the residence.

Rosary held every Thursday night at Council 1452 at 8:00 p.m

2nd and 3rd degrees held.

Development and Peace involvement

Outdoor Rosary

Annual Rosary and Light procession at the Basilica

November 11th Remembrance Day ceremonies

Assisted with Christmas Hampers

As we come closer to the end of another Fraternal year and prepare for the future of the councils **in my** district, I wish them well under the guidance of the Grand Knights and their executive.

I know we are all living in desperate times as we try to get over this covid-19 pandemic. I hope it will be over soon, and I pray that we all will be safe.

I'm sure that the councils will still continue to be there to fulfill the mission of Father Michael J McGivney and the various programs through the remainder of this Columbian year, and into the next fraternal year.

At this time, I would like to thank all the officers both on State and Council for all the work they have done. A special thank you to the wives of the Brother Knights 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
SK John C Atkins
District Deputy #4

COVID-19 ***What is it***

COVID-19 is a new disease that has not been previously identified in humans Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect people, and more rarely, these can then spread from person to person through close contact.

Message from District Deputy #5

Brother Knights; district #5 consists of St. Mary's Council 13320, Victor Cole Grand Knight, St. Anne's Council 6494, Anthony Kelly Grand Knight and Dean Patrick Cleary Council 6672 James Boland Grand Knight. This past year has been busy with a number of activities taking place in all 3 communities. The following is a brief list of some of the reported activities. A complete list has been submitted to State for their yearend reports.

-Labor Day Mass at Fr. Duffys Well for Deceased Members of Clergy in St. Mary's Bay area.

-Installation of Council Officers for new year.

-Council members participated in and attend the Rosary and Candlelight procession at the Basilica.

-Rosary prayed with parishioners in Mt. Carmel, St. Josephs and St. Mary's.

-Remembrance Day Wreath Laying in Mt.Carmel.

-Council Members organize and help in wood/brush clearing at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, cutting wood for firewood for anyone who needs it.

-Presentation of Kof C Council Scholarships to Grade 12 graduating class of 2019.

-Advent Carol Concert in St. Mary's Church to raise money and collect food donations for Christmas Hampers.

-Deliver Food hampers to families in need.

-Keep Christ in Christmas Banners put up.

-9-Day Novena for the Protection of Life.

-Essay Contest, 2 winners at local level to move onto State Level.

-Valentines Meal sponsored by Good Shepherd Parish, with donations from council, parishioners and community and help serving meal at the gathering Place. 8th annual event.

-Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in aid of Mt. Carmel Cemetery Maintenance.

-First Friday of the Month for Holy Hour for prayer and reflection.

- Donations made to various organizations.

Father has asked all parishioners in lieu of Mass on Palm Sunday for everyone to put a green bough with a red ribbon tied to it out on their front driveway.

Served as ushers and collectors at Weekend Masses.

Supported our parish priest in all his endeavors.

Helped with the celebrations for Father Jose's 25 anniversary to the priesthood.

Cooked a full course meal at Roland Mc Donald House for the residence.

Hosted a seniors Christmas party for Approximately 100 seniors in the area.

Prayed the rosary at funerals in the area when requested by the family.

Fraternally
Robert Keating
District Deputy #5

Message from District Deputy #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 especially during this time of medical crisis in our province, our country and indeed our world.

Brothers, the underlying message at this point in time is for everyone to stay safe and to protect yourself and your family. I trust everyone is following the advice of our medical professionals and by doing so we can, and we will get pass this medical crisis.

At this point in the Columbian year, plans are being made to help us complete our annual convention using a technology platform. This is a new experience for us all and hopefully we can make this work so we can advance the important work of our Order and our Jurisdiction. Using technology to conduct our everyday business is taking on a new important role in our lives. Hopefully the preparation we put into making this cyber convention work will also help us in the future to conduct our Council affairs.

Utilization technology to access Webinars, Council Forms and Reports is vital to the effective operation of a Council. Effective use of technology is an area we have to encourage and instruct Councils and our membership on, so we are all able to navigate and benefit from the important information that is available online.

As District Deputy I greatly appreciate the cooperation I am receiving from Grand Knight Pat Kennedy, Grand Knight Kevin Organ and Grand Knight John Power so far

during this year. Grand Knights, as a final reminder please make sure your council is in good standing with both Supreme and the State Council prior to our Convention.

Sincere thanks to our State Deputy, Brother Gordon Lannon, and to the State Officers for the leadership they provided during this difficult time. Together we can and we will get through this pandemic. Stay Safe!

Fraternally yours,
John George
District Deputy #7

Message from District Deputy #10

Brother Knights, I have just recently been appointed District Deputy #10 for the remainder of this Columbian year after the resignation of Brother Tim Gaudet. I would first like to thank Brother Time for the time and effort he put into this position for the first half of the Columbian year. The only thing I can report on at this point is that I have meet with the Grand Knight in Stephenville Crossing and as my home council is Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville, I talk to the Grand Knight there on a regular basis. OLPH 3742 has conducted their executive meeting through ZOOM and their regular meeting for April through ZOOM as well. Having taken part in the meeting, it works very well. As the old saying goes, where there is a will, there is a way. With the new technologies out there today, we all should be taking full advantage of it. Their Council is in the process of taking over the emergency food bank that has closed down

due to the pandemic. They are ready to open their doors on Friday, April 17th. They are planning on passing out about 500 hampers. There are only 7 Brother Knights who are on their committee. There will be more to say on this undertaking in the next Knightly News edition. They have also conducted two Charity, Unity, Fraternity ceremonies, the reports are very positive from those who took part.

Fraternally
Bob Miller
District Deputy #10

Message from State Family Director

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain,
Brother Knights,

Congratulations to the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council on another successful year in this province. It has been an honor to be involved in the Knights of Columbus NL State Council, especially at this time. I would like to thank Worthy State Deputy Gordon Lannon for reappointing me as State Family Director for this Columbian Year. Secondly, I would like to thank all the council's Family Director's for their effort.

Councils continue to participate in the various family programs that our Order has to offer including; Food for Families, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family of the Month, Family of the Year, Family Day & Week Activities, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Rosaries and Masses, support for families of deceased members, Scholarship Programs, Children's Programs, Recreational Activities, Family Prayer Night, Good Friday Family

Promotion, and numerous recreational activities.

Councils have submitted Family Activity Reports for the State's Family Awards and Councils have submitted their best family activity for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year as their entry for the Supreme Family Award. Thank you to these councils for your hard work at preparing these reports and congratulations to the councils that will receive awards.

As we begin our final quarter of our Columbian year, it is very important to recognize that our families are the backbone of our councils. Our wives, sons and daughters provide support to the Knights to enable our worthy programs. It is our duty as husbands and fathers to recognize this and to incorporate our families in our activities. Many family activities are listed in the Faith in Action Program that Councils can customize to their needs. A few suggestions are schedule family gatherings, volunteer as a family, have your council hold a Family Fun Day after Mass or at your Parishes Garden Party. Councils need to recognize family opportunities during the summer months. Partnerships with your parish can provide family opportunities that your council cannot provide on their own. An example of this would be Affirmation of wedding vows.

Another important date is August 12th, Father McGivney's Birthday. Councils can schedule a social to celebrate our founder's birthdate, hold a church drive to give other members of the parish an opportunity to join the K of C, an Admissions degree or start a Family Week. The opportunities for family activities are endless.

Prayer to the Holy Family

***Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we
contemplate the splendor of true love;***

To you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

***grant that our families too may be places of
communion and prayer,***

***authentic schools of the Gospel and small
domestic churches.***

Holy Family of Nazareth,

***may families never again experience
violence,***

rejection and division;

***may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.***

Holy Family of Nazareth,

***make us once more mindful of the sacredness
and inviolability of the family,***

and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Prayer composed by Pope Francis and offered on the feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 29, 2013.

Vivat Jesus
Ray Bonia
Family Director

Message from State Life Director

Greetings to all Brother Knights:

The Covid-19 pandemic has put the world in a crisis. Isolation is the word of the day. Catholics all over the world face an Easter season very different than anything they are used too. It is not the Holy Week of our choosing, but it is what we have. We must strive to grow spiritually and continue to defend life in all stages. We can do virtual rosaries, Stations of the Cross, attend online Masses, do reflections, novenas and pray.

Yes, these are challenging times, but no matter what comes our way, we can rely on Jesus promise, "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20). At this time, we are kept apart physically but we need to remember that we are united by our founding principles of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism.

While facing an unknown timeline for social distancing, we still need to reach out to our brothers, to the lonely, seniors and to our Centre for Life. A phone call just saying hello, a card or an old fashion letter can brighten someone's day. Reach out to a member who lives alone or one that might need transportation to go a store or need something picked up. The Centre for Life can still be supported with monetary donations or gift cards.

May the blessings of Easter fill your hearts with gladness and joy and give you a reason to hold on even when times are tough. May you and your families have a holy and blessed Easter. Keep healthy and stay safe.

Fraternally
Eugene Hurley
Life Director

Message from State Youth Director

This year has been a great year for our youth programs. The Keep Christ in Christmas, the Drug Awareness and Abuse, and the Alcohol Awareness poster contests all went well.

I wish to thank all the participants and everyone who helped in anyway with those contests? The names of the winners have been sent to the State Council. The State Deputy will be contacting the winners at a later date.

The State Free Throw Competition had to be cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Most council and district competitions were completed. Two regions completed their competitions before they got canceled. Thank you to all brother knights who helped at those events?

The Essay Contest is still on going as the deadline for entries is April 15, 2020. The topic this year is " In What Way is the Christian Faith Relevant in the 21st Century. The State Deputy will announce the winners at the closing of the contest. We look forward to a successful contest again this year.

I encourage all councils to continue with their work and support of youth and especially the youth of our jurisdiction.

Brothers pray that the pandemic will be over soon. Stay Save, Stay at Home.

Fraternally,
John Thoms
State Youth Director

Message from Online Membership

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Brother Knights, Supreme, as you know, has developed an online way to recruit potential members and form those men for committed, lifelong and council-based membership in the Knights of Columbus. And thus, since July 1, 2018, eligible Catholic men have been able to join the Knights of Columbus online.

During the past year there were 5 members who joined the NL State Council 98059 online, and 4 of these members have migrated to individual Councils within the province.

Since I was appointed Online Membership Chairman about a year ago, Grand Knights have been encouraged on a regular basis to promote online membership as an option for men who are not yet ready for council-based membership. Councils have been reminded that this initiative is not meant to replace traditional recruiting methods; council members still have to take the initiative to ask eligible Catholic gentlemen to join the Knights.

Councils in our jurisdiction have been encouraged to endorse this online option at every opportunity when speaking about the Knights of Columbus. As well, Councils have been encouraged to support the Online Membership option through promotions on Council Webpages, Face Book Pages, advertisements in Church Bulletins, etc.

Councils have been made aware of the many complimentary resources, booklets, brochures,

cards which are available from Supreme, and to have these on hand when needed.

Councils have been encouraged to check out the information which is available online at the Supreme web site.

Throughout the past year, I have kept in contact with our State membership director, Brother Pat Gambin, and have promoted the Online Membership on the State web site.

When prospects have joined online, personal contact has been made by phone or email, and when prospects have indicated a Council preference, efforts were made to get the prospect and individual councils in contact with each other.

The Knights of Columbus continues to change and evolve to meet the needs and conditions of a changing world, and online membership may be one of the first steps in getting new members engaged in our many charitable and fraternal activities.

Fraternally
Gerard Butt
State Online Membership Coordinator



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Message from Insurance promotion

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families

financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Our Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

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

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

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Message from State Scholarship Chairman

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Scholarships:

Available to students who will graduate Grade XII with Honors in June 2020 and will be attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: May 1, 2020. Information and applications under scholarships on the Supreme Council website at www.kofc.org. Follow instructions to get application.

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

Please advise all members with children in Grade XII in your area.

Message from State Lottery Chairman

Brothers,

Please be advised that due to the impact of COVID-19, the provincial Lottery Commission has approved a request to extend the Draw Date for the Knights of Columbus Fundraiser 2020 Ticket Lottery.

The Lottery Commission has approved July 11, 2020 as the new draw date.

I would ask all Councils, and brother Knights to put this message out to the people you may have already sold tickets to, and to the public any way possible. And I would urge all councils and brother Knights to continue selling these Tickets. This annual Lottery is the main fundraiser for the State Council and is also a significant fundraiser for individual councils. We have a little over ninety days to continue selling our tickets brothers.

Again, the draw date for the Fundraiser 2020, forty-dollar (\$40.00) tickets has been extended until July 11, 2020. The draw was scheduled to have taken place on April 25, 2020.

Fraternally,
Jerry Barker
State Lottery Chairman

Message from State Special Olympics Chairman

Special Olympics (SO) is a global grassroots movement that was founded in 1968. It brings community programs and competition opportunities to more than 4.5 million children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities across 170 countries worldwide. The Knights of Columbus worldwide including our own Councils and their members in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador recognize the value and unique gifts of special Olympians. In fact many of a Brother Knights are Special Olympians. Special Olympics in Newfoundland and Labrador began over twenty years ago and is constantly evolving and adding new programs province wide.

Currently there are approximately fifteen active clubs in the province that serve approximately six hundred Special Olympians in eighty-five different communities. As you are aware the Knights of Columbus Newfoundland Labrador State Council is a proud to be a sponsor of Special Olympics in Newfoundland and Labrador. Additionally, many of our councils either directly or indirectly support the local Special Olympics Clubs in their area both financially and in volunteer hours.

The last Provincial Special Olympics Summer Games were held in Marystown from June 22-23, 2019. Ville Marie Council 10599 played a major role in these games both financially and with volunteer hours. The last National

FUNDRAISER 2020
Knights of Columbus
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

TOTAL PRIZE PAYOUT: \$81,300.00
18 DRAWS IN TOTAL

1ST PRIZE \$50,000
SELLER'S PRIZE \$1,000

2ND PRIZE \$15,000 SELLER'S PRIZE \$200
3RD PRIZE \$5,000 SELLER'S PRIZE \$100

5 DRAWS OF \$1,000 10 DRAWS OF \$500

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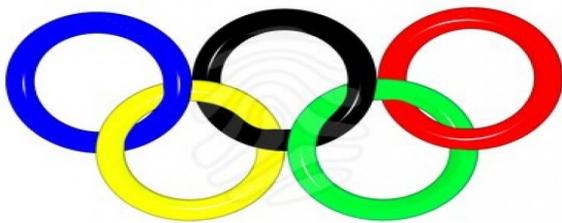
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Special Olympics Winter Games were held in Thunder Bay, Ontario from February 25-29, 2020. During these National Games, 44 athletes that made up Team Newfoundland and Labrador competed in 7 sports. Collectively, these athletes won approximately 33 medals including 9 gold, 12 silver and 12 bronze. Both of these Games were made possible as a result of the support of organizations like the Knights of Columbus.



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Message from State Membership Director

Brother Knights, we are approximately two (2) months away from the end of our, Columbian Year, 2020 and we have a long way to go to reach our goal of one hundred and thirty (130) New or Former members for this year. Convention is usually a time when Brother Knights get together and share ideas on many aspects on the Knights of Columbus in general and particularly on MEMBERSHIP which is the life blood of our Order.

This year, however, the proposed format for State Convention may not lend itself to a great deal of interaction on many issues, including Membership. To offset this lack of sharing ideas, I would strongly encourage councils to get more involved with promoting on-line

membership in order to continue recruiting new members especially during this time of crisis with COVID-19. This is also a great tool to attract New young members which most of us would agree is badly needed.

During the Columbian Year 2019-2020, we have put a great deal of effort into training several of our councils on how to conduct effective Church drives. These Drives have met with varying degrees of success but need to have more follow-up after information is gathered at the Church Drives. There is nothing more effective than personal contact with prospects that have given information at those Church Drives.

We have made in-roads this year by bringing in seven (7) New members from Sheshatshiu, Labrador to create our first ever indigenous round table in our jurisdiction. These New members are a part of Bishop Scheffer Council #6378 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

During the remaining two (2) months of this Columbian Year, let's show our concern for each other by reaching out to Brothers and their families in need whether that be socially, financially or spiritually. As I mentioned earlier, use social media to attract New members and Former members to join or re-join our ranks through E-Membership. They can sign up on-line now and choose what council with which they want to become involved, at their convenience.

Brothers, in closing, I want to thank all councils and individuals who have helped in recruiting new members to our Order and I hope we can have a strong showing in increased membership in the remaining two (2) months of this Columbian year 2019-2020. I look forward to our 2020 Convention

for the sharing of our Fraternity. Be Safe, Stay Safe.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin

One member per council per month

Message from State Ceremonials Chairman

Brothers: ceremonials are a primary importance of the growth and strength of the Knights of Columbus. Ceremonials plays a very important role in each of the order's rules from the Installation of Officers, Degree Exemplifications, Council Meetings and Proper Protocol. While ceremonials demonstrate Fr. McGivney's vision, it also advances new members through degrees, members who observe this passage will benefit from a rekindled spirit of Columbianism as a result of their attendance.

From July 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019, thirteen First Degree exemplifications were completed in our jurisdiction with an intake of 42 new members. In January 2020 Supreme Council announced proposed changes to the degree structure in the Knights of Columbus World.

Effective January 15, 2020, the three separate degrees, Admission, Formation and Knighthood was rolled into one degree namely a Combined degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. With degree secrecy eliminated, its preferable that the degree to be held in church or other menu with the candidate's family, friends in attendance. It can be done in approx. 30 minutes with five members, a Leader, Warden and one each for lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Any member doing the combined degree will become a third-degree member at the one exemplification. Those 1st or 2nd degree members can attain their Knighthood degree at one seating. Also, with this change, robes has been replaced with the wearing of Baldric along with your dress attire.

To date there has been three successful exemplifications by using the combined degree with an intake of 10 new members and two 1st degree members totally 12 attaining status of Knighthood. The intake for new and former members for this jurisdiction stands at 58.

Special thanks to the members of the Admission, Second, and Third-Degree teams for devoting their time in practice & performance of the exemplifications of thousands of members to our order prior to this major change. We continue to depend on these same members to participate in the new Combined degree in the exemplifications of members to our Order.

Fraternally,
William O' Rielly, PSD
State Ceremonial Chairman

Message from Master of Fourth Degree

Brother Knights: Do you remember the poem "Invictus" that gave great courage to Nelson Mandela in prison on Seal Island?

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance, I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the

bludgeoning of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the Horror of the shade, and yet, the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.

By William Ernest Henley

History recalls how we humans have overcome and we learn from our past the pathways to our future. Here are a few examples from the past when humankind arose above and beyond the disasters. You remember them all and more.

Spanish Flu

The Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918-19 killed between 20 and 40 million people worldwide, making it one of the most destructive outbreaks of infectious disease in recorded history. It first appeared in Newfoundland Labrador in September 1918 and killed more than 600 people in less than five months.

The effects were most devastating in Labrador, where the disease killed close to one third of the Inuit population and forced some communities out of existence.

By February 1919, the epidemic had largely ended on the island, although traces of it remained until the summer. Before it disappeared, the disease killed 170 people in rural Newfoundland. Although its effects were both devastating and far-reaching, the influenza spread through Labrador in a matter of weeks, killing more than 30 per cent of the Inuit population and infecting many others.

Those who did not die from the disease often experienced heart and respiratory troubles for the rest of their lives.

(Jenny Higgins 2007 NL Heritage Website).

Ireland Potato Famines

The Famine began in 1845. The potato crops didn't fully recover until 1852. By then, the damage was done. Although estimates vary, it is believed as many as 1 million Irish men, women and children perished during the Famine, and another 1 million emigrated from the island to escape poverty and starvation, with many landing in various cities throughout North America and Great Britain.

So, in our battle with covid-19 we are better informed and equipped to overcome.

Do not loose heart but pray daily to our patron Mother Mary.

Fraternally
Derm Whelan
Master

Elections

Brothers,
There have been numerous requests about clarification on the election of Council and Fourth Degree Assembly officers for the upcoming year in recent weeks.

As such, I requested a ruling from Supreme on that matter on April 8, 2020. On April 14, 2020, I received a reply to my e-mail, the e-mail indicated it would be appropriate for Councils and or Assemblies to conduct virtual meetings to elect their slate of officers for 2020-2021.

Subsequently we received further correspondence wondering if elections for Councils and or Assemblies could be deferred, rather than being held by way of virtual meetings. Reply from Supreme stated that it would be acceptable for a Council or Assembly to defer their elections for 2020-2021 until after the COVID-19 crisis eases, and that if those elections did not take place until late summer or early fall, that would be acceptable as well.

The only stipulation being that

if a Council or Assembly defers its election of officers beyond July 1, 2020, a form 185 must be completed and submitted to Supreme. this form 185 will contain the names and positions of the officers in place at the time the election was deferred. Then, after an election is held, a new form 185 must be submitted containing the names and positions of Brother Knights elected at that time, whether everything remains the same, or not.

The decision on whether to defer the Council or Assembly Election is ‘**ENTIRELY**’ up to each individual Council, and or Assembly. Neither State nor Supreme will object.

Should any Council or Assembly have any further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Fraternally,
Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

Social Media

Brothers, the following is an email from Supreme **DATED:** April 3, 2020.

TO: State Deputies

FROM: Michael J. O'Connor, Supreme Secretary

RE: Virtual Meetings

Worthy Grand Knights,

I greatly hope that this message finds you and your family well.

With the call for further social distancing, it is more important than ever that we heed this directive. In light of that, the Executive and Financing Committee, on behalf of the Board of Directors, pursuant to its authority under Section 40.3 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus has adopted a resolution requiring virtual meetings for local councils and assemblies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy of the resolution is found [here](#).

The Board has authorized and requires, until further notice, all local Councils and Assemblies, to conduct business meetings by using technology that provides the opportunity for simultaneous communication among all participants (e.g., Skype, GoToMeeting, Google Hangout, etc.). These measures have been taken to help ensure the health and safety of our members and their families.

We hope you remain safe and healthy.

Editors Notes

Thank you to all contributors for your usual contributions. Please every-one, **STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE**, say a Prayer, Pray the Rosary with your family. On a personnel note. There were 10 of my brothers, sisters, nephews logged onto Zoom on Easter Sunday evening and we Prayed the Rosary together. They were all scattered across the country, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia.