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Brothers,

A full year, and more, has passed since the Covid-19 Pandemic hit us with a vengeance, disrupting our lives, and our activities, both social and those pertaining to the Knights of Columbus. We are now coming to the close of another Columbian Year, and the Pandemic is still with us, although, it does appear that there is a dim light at the end of the tunnel in the fight to overcome Covid-19. Rule and regulations which have kept us confined for most the past year, are now being relaxed, and gatherings of larger numbers are now being permitted.

That is good news in that councils now can come together again, to sit at the same table to plan activities, and to conduct normal activities that have been curtailed since March 2020. And brothers, all of you are to be congratulated and thanked for your efforts in maintaining some semblance of productivity during the trying times we have experienced in the past fifteen months. Councils and brother Knights managed to keep churches clean and disinfected, meals were prepared and served, special services and events were conducted virtually with computers, and the list goes on. Brothers, you rose to the challenge, and I wish to thank each and every-one of you for your work and dedication over the past year.

Now I am asking you again to step into the breach and continue your work and the work of the Knights of Columbus. We are still facing many challenges as we recover from Covid-19, but we can, and must, continue with our projects to assist as many people as possible during these trying times.

While there is light at the end of the tunnel, we as a jurisdiction, are still reluctant to come together in a large group, for example, for our State Convention. This year, the State Convention will again be Virtual, that is done on the computer. Plans are now being finalized and details are being forwarded to your council leaders.

The Virtual convention will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2020.

Brothers, we have seen a lot of changes in the past year, including some at the Supreme level. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has retired and a new Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly is now leading the Knights of Columbus worldwide. Supreme Knight Kelly took over the Knights of Columbus Leadership on March first.

Still with news from the Supreme council, a new plan has been developed, and is now being rolled out to Knights of Columbus leaders at all levels, council, district, and State. The COVID RECOVERY PLAN is designed to help everyone at all levels get back into doing things they were doing, and the way they were doing those things, prior to March 2020.

Look for details on the Covid Recovery Plan in the latest edition of the Fraternal Leader Advisory, which was sent out electronically a few days ago.

Brothers, my term as State Deputy is coming to an end, and this is my last submission to the Knightly News as State Deputy. A new State Deputy will be elected at our upcoming convention and he will take over responsibility for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador on July first.

It has been a pleasure serving as your State Deputy for the past two years, and my hope is that the coming months won't be as trying on your State Executive as the past few months have been. This crisis will end soon, and we will get back to some form of normalcy.

Brothers, please stay safe, and may God watch over and protect each and every one of you.

Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

Message from State Chaplain



We are now celebrating the 50-day Easter season in the life of the church. Society at large has moved on past the “one-day event” as commercialization has overtaken this beautiful celebration of God’s love for us all. Easter: the resurrection of Christ fills our hearts with great joy and Hope. God has overcome the power of sin and death. Christ through his dying and rising has restored us back to a Grace filled relationship with our heavenly Father. The power of Satan has been conquered and destroyed. We are no longer left subject to the devil but now through the waters of the font baptism we have received new life from God who is love. It is in God we find the purpose and meaning of our lives. The Risen Christ leads us onward to our heavenly home. As brother Knights with their wives and families we give Thanks to Him who is risen. Our alleluia rings out to the Lamb who was once slain. With Jesus our victories are united.

As brothers we continue to find our strength in Him who renews our minds, our lives and our hearts for the purpose of our brotherly mission. We, in Him conquer all that threatens the bond of unity and charity. In Him we find Mercy reconciliation and forgiveness. Jesus is the font of Love where we are nourished and healed. It is through the Risen Lord as we receive forgiveness that in turn, we are able to forgive one another. “Love one another as I have loved you”. These words of Jesus allow us to continue our work as brother knights making His presence known through our deeds.

Easter is the great Holy season of renewal for us. Jesus sends us forth to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. At this time I wish to

express my heartfelt thanks for the generosity of my

brother knights, their wives, and families. Thank you for your dedication and work visible and hidden; that you carry out daily. The Lord has truly blessed you with so many beautiful gifts, talents and a wondrous generosity. For “whoever gives a cup of water to the least of these brothers

and sisters of mine does it to me.” As Catholic men who continue to serve may the Lord always Bless you with His Love.

Blessings of the Risen Lord to you now and always.

Rev. Jeffrey Kolonel
State Chaplain

Message from State Secretary



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 103rd State Convention, it is my privilege, as State Secretary, to submit an annual report for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year.

Brother Knights, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as State Secretary at the 102nd Convention which was conducted in a Virtual format on April 25 ,2021. The great support that I have continued to receive from my fellow State Officers and all the subordinate councils in this jurisdiction has made my duties easy and enjoyable throughout the past two years. The COVID Pandemic has put different obstacles in our path but we have worked hard to overcome them. Even though there has been a significant reduction in the amount of personal contact.

As a result of the pandemic, your State Team has been able to keep communication going through the Virtual world. We 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 in the next Columbian Year.

On behalf of my Wife, Delores, I want to thank my Brother Knights for 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 103rd State Convention in Virtual format on May 15, 2021.

Be Safe and Be Healthy!

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Secretary

Message from State Treasurer



Greetings to my fellow Brothers. Last year this time we speculated that the pandemic would soon be over. But here we are. Still in face masks and operating in small groups or in virtual groups. Many members have become quite adept at hosting and attending virtual meetings. Thank you for adapting to new way of doing council work. As well thank you all for keeping your State assessments, liability insurance and medical fund contributions up to date. Please keep your contact information up to date so we have names and email addresses for each Grand Knight, FS and Treasurer for each council. Councils sometimes contact me indicating that they never saw an invoice or correspondence only to discover the wrong person was getting the information.

Your State Council is constantly reviewing its spending and commitments, and we were able to announce reduced assessments for the year and as well due to slightly lower claims we were able to reduce the medical fund contributions for the 20/21 year. We have two main State fund raisers for the year. Our fall lottery went reasonably well but with reduced sales of tickets. However, we are delighted by the stronger than expected sale of our Spring State Lottery tickets. As you know we changed the ticket format this year from a fixed amount winner payout to a fifty-fifty winner payout. So far, we are encouraged with 50/50 ticket sales going well and this format is being met with enthusiasm from buyers and sellers alike. We will review this method of ticket sales for future lottery sweeps that we can offer. I welcome your comments on the 50/50 ticket concept for future lottery sales.

Good luck on the remaining last quarter of the year. There is still much work to be done. As they say “ Hold Fast. Stay Well.”

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher
State Treasurer

Message from State Advocate



As we approach the end of another challenging Fraternal Year, I hope and pray that you and your families are well. While our province has been riding out this Global Pandemic much better in comparison with other parts of Canada and the world, it has isolated many of us from our family members that are living away.

We cannot let this pandemic define who we are, eased Public Health restrictions and the vaccine rollout are positive steps in getting back to some sort of normalcy. All Councils must strive to continue the good works of the order. This includes getting together at meetings, recruiting new Brothers and ensuring the routine administration of the Council is maintained.

As most of you know, the order has a new Supreme Knight Brother Patrick E. Kelly, he will lead us during the post pandemic era and into the future. The future of our order is in the hands of every Council. It is up to us to continue to grow and do charitable work.

Supreme Council has tried to help with membership this past year with extending free online membership and streamlining the degree process. There is still time left to take advantage of free online membership. Any questions that Councils may have can be addressed to Brother

Gerard Butt, our online membership coordinator.

Well done to those Councils that were able to adapt and continue with their programs. Likewise, I encourage all councils to take on the challenges that face us and continue our programs.

I want to thank the State Deputy and members of the State Board for their support this past Fraternal Year, and of course, the support from our Councils.

I look forward to seeing you at our State Convention in May, either in person or virtually.

From my wife Christine and I, stay safe and God Bless.

Fraternally,
Paul Baldwin
State Advocate

Message from State Warden



Greetings to all my Brother Knights, This past Columbian Year has been a very difficult year on all Councils in our jurisdiction.

Councils had to adopt to both virtual meetings and programs to the best of their ability. Fundraising to keep Councils functional and to run programs have been at an all-time low.

The Pandemic will continue to play havoc for the foreseeable future, but we can change. With planning, each Council can be as successful as they were before the Pandemic.

Leave no neighbor behind program is an excellent guideline for Councils to reach out to help both the Church and Community during the difficult times.

Brothers, this is an opportunity to show what the Knights of Columbus are all about and share with the world the very principles that define us. Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Brothers, as the State Convention is approaching, I am looking forward to reading the Council Reports and seeing firsthand the good works that each Council has performed. I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all Councils for their great work this past Columbian Year. Let us come out of this Pandemic bigger and stronger than ever.

Hold Fast Brother Knights and keep safe and healthy.

Fraternally Yours,
Brendan Vickers
State Warden
State Program Director

Message from Past State Deputy



Brothers, I hope this message finds you and your family safe. As we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel as vaccines continue to roll out across the province. With God's blessing hopefully we will all get through this.

Now that we are at level two and Councils can hold meeting of up to 50 people, we can get back to somewhat normal operations. Councils

should be planning for the time when our communities will have most if not all the restrictions lifted and we can get back to doing the wonderful work that we always do. The Church will need our organization to help get people back to the practice of our faith. With many being away from church for so long they maybe reluctant to return, this is where we can lead the way. Now is the time to start planning.

God bless everyone and please stay safe.

Viva Jesus
Fraternally,
Brian Hurley IPSD

Message from DD #2

Brothers: with this COVID-19 still being with us, things in District 2 are happening. Holy Spirit Council #6972 ran a program called Coats for the Needy.

This project started in reaction to a radio advertisement that I heard on my daily drive to work way back in 1997. The message was to collect clothing and send the clothing to St. John's to be taken and torn into cleaning cloths and sold as such to fund raise for a particular item .

Each year, the request for coats is published in our parishes' bulletins in the fall and runs until January. The coats are brought to weekend Masses and collected, inspected to ensure the coats are meeting our standard of a quality winter coat before being brought down to the Food Bank. The request was eventually, in the last 5 years, broadened to ask people to donate other winter items: winter boots, scarves, hats and gloves.

This year, the effort was expended and due to Covid – 19 outbreaks, all coats collected were isolated for 5 days to reduce any chance of virus

spread before been inspected. This year our total tally was: 59 winter coats, 67 hats (tassel caps etc), 32 scarves, 22 pairs of gloves and 6 pairs of winter boots.



Grand Knight Gerald Morrissey

Early in the period when many organizations were closed the Knights of Columbus volunteered to assist the Ruah Counselling Centre in a repainting project. Ruah Counselling Centre provides counselling services to many clients in the St. John's area and operates under the aegis of the Archdiocese of St. John's.

Grand Knight Cyril Synard, Knights Randy Trask and Austin Hawley completed phase One of the project and were joined in phase Two by Brother Mike Hearn to make up the painting quartet. A new office space was given a fresh look as well as the hallway and doors. Plans are underway with the Director of Ruah, Pauline Lake to paint the Ruah offices over the course of the Fall season.

The cost of the project to date was approximately \$421, subsidized entirely by the Knights of Columbus.



painting quartet

Fraternally
Darrell Long
DD #2

Message from DD #3

Brother Knights:

It's hard to believe that we have endured this Covid Pandemic for over a year. Our normal life duties have certainly changed from simple tasks of going to the store to assembling for large functions. During this strife it has encouraged us to focus out attentions on areas that we would have done so pre pandemic.

Many of our members, myself included, have been forced to adapt to address this situation by using technology that we would not have done otherwise. Some of our Brothers have embraced the change while others have resisted. In reality, the future will not be, never be same as the pre pandemic.

We as a group have met the pandemic challenge and found ways of overcoming it challenges. Our Brother Knights have been meeting virtually, assisting our Parishes by live streaming masses, and still engaging in support of our local food banks.

The councils in District #3 comprise of Fr. JB Kent 6638, Mary Queen of Peace 7405 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 local food banks with donations of \$1500 and providing countless volunteer hours to operate it every week to support the hungry of our community. Also, they provided support to their Chaplain by participating in live streaming their masses to their parish community.

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.

Mary Queen of Peace council continues to work with their Pastor to support their Parish with support for the masses, Keep Christ in Christmas and feeding the homeless.

Vivat Jesus
Ray Bonia
District Deputy #3

Message from DD #4

Brother Knights

District #4 is comprised of Terra Nova Council 1452, St. John's, Corpus Christi Council 7786, St. John's and Conception Council 1930, Bell Island.

I was pleased to be able to visit each of the councils during COVID-19, Level 2. Activities, which attend to the needs of the communities, continue in these councils. Ensuring the safety of our Brother Knights is always uppermost in mind.

Congratulations to Terra Nova Council 1452, St. John's, for receiving the CHARLES O'NEIL CONWAY AWARD. This award is presented annually to the council with the highest net gain in membership during the fraternal year 2019-2020. They, also, conducted a combined degree with nineteen candidates, seventeen of whom were new members and twelve were with Terra Nova Council 1452.

Corpus Christi Council 7786, St. John's, continues to be involved with the local St. Vincent de Paul Society and its food bank. They are, also, involved with a Christmas stocking campaign that solicits Christmas stockings from parishioners for young people on remand at the Whitebourne Youth Centre.

Conception Council 1930, Bell Island, held its installation of officers in September 2020. The new Grand Knight is Wayne Smallwood. Some projects include: Brother Knights visiting shut-ins, assistance to the local hospital, Boys' & Girls' Club & food banks, Good Friday Stations of the Cross led by the Knights of Columbus, Baby of the Month, Skate with Santa, Student Scholarship.

All of the District #4 councils support parish activities, Keep Christ in Christmas and the state lottery.

Some councils have resumed meeting in person and are remaining conscious of social distancing, wearing masks, hand sanitizing, as well as hand washing.

Theodore Roosevelt tells us, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are!"

Stay Safe and Hold Fast

Fraternally,
Desmond J. McCarthy
DD #4

Congratulations

Message from DD #5

The third instalment of Knightly News For the Colombian Year 2020-2021, District Deputy District Number 5 representing Councils 6494 ST ANNE'S Dunville, Council 6672 DEAN PATRICK CLEARY COUNCIL WITLESS BAY COUNCIL Council 13320 ST MARY'S and Former Council 9962 Trepassey.

I wish to extend greetings to our STATE EXECUTIVE also to all our brother knights across this wonderful province of NL. I know that I'm not the only one that has found this past year different than any others. The past year will be the one that'll be recorded in the history book for future generations. During the year I have attended most all of the meetings that were held in District 5 for our respective councils.

Each of the councils attempted to do the absolute best that they safely could accomplish, completing as many of the faith in action programs as possible.

All councils participated in Christmas Hampers Food for families. When necessary, they helped their Worthy Chaplin's when called upon to assist in parish activities, they provided monetary donations when they received requests and they also assisted in fundraising for their councils, parishes and The State.

Due to COVID-19 and sickness, meetings at council 6494 St. Anne's were conducted through telephone conversations. Please keep worthy Grand Knight Anthony Kelly in your prayers.

This year has given me the opportunity to do some reading. Reverend Monsignor Peter Coughlan, whom I met a few years ago, authored a book titled "Hearts open to the Spirit". Which I have attached a copy.

Now that COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions have been lifted, I hope that we will finish the Columbian year strong. Giving praise and thanks to God for all that he has accomplished during the pandemic; the knowledge provided for vaccines and the front-line workers who have kept our community safe. We pray for all of the families who has lost loved ones due to the disease.

Happy Easter to All; He has risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Fraternally
Dave Kenny
DD #5

Message from DD #7

Fraternal Greetings to all Brother Knights from the three active Councils in District #7 ... Monsignor Finn Council #5904 in Bishop's

Falls, Father Michael Frances Hayes Council #7127 in Harbour Breton and St. Ignatius Council #13763 in St. Alban's.

As District Deputy for District #7 let me avail of this opportunity to share with my Brother Knights some of the key responsibilities of a District Deputy. The District Deputy is the representative of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy and is responsible for the supervision, growth, and general well-being of the Councils assigned to him. The District Deputies responsibilities also include ensuring that councils follow the Order's laws, promoting effective membership recruitment and retention, developing new councils, assisting councils to conduct service programs, and monitoring each council's financial and social health.

The DD reports directly to the State Deputy for all activities and fulfills the important communication link between the State and Supreme Councils and local councils.

As the DD for District #7 for the past three years I want to express sincere thanks to Grand Knights Pat Kennedy, John Power and Kevin Organ for the cooperation and assistance they have given me during my term of office. There have been challenges and there have been successes during this time and by working together we continue to advance the good work of the Order.

Worthy Grand Knights, I wish you and your Council every success as we continue to move forward during these trying times.

I also want to express sincere thanks to our State Deputy, Brother Gordon Lannon, and to the State Officers for the leadership provided during these trying times.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Hoping to see you all at the Convention. Take care and stay safe everyone.

Vivat Jesus
John George
DD#7

Message from DD #10

Brothers. District 10 consists of 3 active councils on the west coast, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville, Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing and Father PJ Cooney Council 9789 in the Codroy Valley.

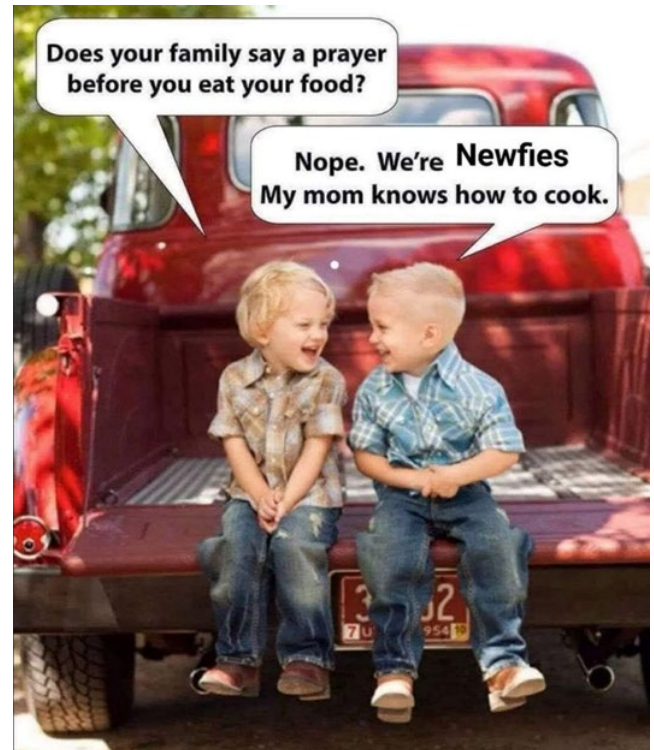
All 3 councils have been active in these most trying of times. With the passing of one of their younger members in Stephenville Crossing at the age of 42 and a family of 5 and no insurance, the council set to raise some dollars for the family by soliciting all of the other councils in our Province. When all was said and done, \$3,125.00 was raised. As part of their council meeting held on April 11, 2021, the Holy Rosary was said in memory of their Deceased Brother. The family took part and at the conclusion of the Rosary, the Grand Knight made the presentation to the family. It was noted at the meeting about the importance of having insurance which is the whole reason the Knights of Columbus was started in the first place.



GK Hubert Hynes and Mrs. Brumsey

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville has been kept busy all through the pandemic. Their meetings are always on time whether in person or electronic format. Their main focus this year is support for their Parish and community. The conduct what is called drive up community café on the third Thursday of each month where a meal is served to whom ever wants one at no cost. Membership is also important to this Council. They conducted the combined Degree on March 20, 2021 and another on April 21. Plans are underway for another Degree in the near future. They are involved in the 50/50 lottery with approximately 700 tickets sold and counting. Plans are underway for the supreme sponsored Novena in the month of May.

A little Chuckle



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 despite the COVID Pandemic that we have been enduring. I would like to thank our past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for his service to the K of C for the past twenty Years. Also, I am looking forward to our new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's guidance and leadership. Finally, I would like to thank all the council's Family Director's for their effort this past year.

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 are submitting Family Activity Reports for the State's Family Awards and Councils are submitting their best family activity for the 2020-2021 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.

If you haven't already done so I encourage you to participate in the webinars offered by the K of C. There are Knight Cast, fraternal training on the Supreme Website and the Canadian Training menu that is emailed out each Month. If you haven't already participated in these training sessions I recommend you do so especially in the Canadian training sessions. The more we grow as Knights the better we are as individuals and leaders of our families. These webinars are quite good, building fraternity and our knowledge of the Order. When doing activities include new members of your council, families in the parish and even friends especially if they are not a Knight. This engages our families as a unit in actives sponsored by the Knights and builds the Family Unit.

Fraternally
Ray Bonia
NL Family Director

Message from State Life Director

Greetings to all Brother Knights:

This past year like no other has brought many challenges for our councils. There have been no State face to face meetings, or no meetings at all, knights were unable to visit sick members, attend mass and other church activities. Many councils experienced difficulties carrying out their programs.

Despite the ongoing challenges and areas of uncertainty some councils found ways to reach out to their brothers, to the lonely, to essential workers, to the unborn and to the Centre for Life.

March 17, 2021 was a very disappointing day for knights and all who uphold the sanctity of life. Bill C-7 received royal assent allowing euthanasia. This disappointing outcome of the bill does not change the knights' belief and moral of how they look at the sanctity of life to its peaceful and natural end. Knights will continue to be the voice for the voiceless and advocate for proper resources to give hope to those who feel their situation is hopeless. We need to continue to share our support to the most vulnerable of our society.

This year for the first time in our jurisdiction we were honored to have the Silver Rose program. This is a pilgrimage that is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of nations and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Many councils could not

avail of this program due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Thanks to St. Theresa's Council 7702 for spearheading the virtual pray service for the east coast and to Archbishop Howley Council 2581 for the west coast.

There is a novena for the Cause of Life in Canada taking place on May 5-13. All knights and their families should take part. Your District Deputy will provide you with information concerning this novena so councils may participate.

I encourage all councils to continue their work and support the culture of life from conception to natural death. Please pray for an end of this pandemic so we may carry out our programs to assist our church and community.

Let's put our faith into action and remember to stay safe.

Fraternally Yours,
Eugene Hurley
Life Director



Message from State Youth Director

Brothers,

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

Thank you to all who helped with these programs. The winners have been selected and the names sent to the State Council.

The State Deputy will announce the winners later. The essay contest is still on going as the deadline for entries is April 30, 2021. The topic this year is Keeping the Christian Faith during Covid- 19. The State Deputy will announce the winners at the close of the contest.

I encourage all councils to continue their work with the youth programs. We must support the youth in our jurisdiction.

Keep healthy and stay safe.

Fraternally,
John Thoms
State Youth Director

Message from Online Membership Director

Despite all that has happened with the Covid-19 situation in the past year, there are still many eligible and worthy men in our circle of family, friends, acquaintances, and parishioners who are waiting to be asked to join the Knights of Columbus. In a time when many

council, assembly, and state meetings are held electronically,

what better time for Brother Knights to promote the convenience of the “On-Demand” Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and what better time for Councils to invite all the men on their prospect list to join the Order in this way.

The Grand Knight or Financial Secretary should send registration invitations to all approved candidates for admission or advancement. New candidates and online E-Members who want to transfer or migrate to your council need to be approved. New candidates will need to pay their regular dues.

Online E-members are already in good financial standing for the current year. All 1st and 2nd degree members should be invited to advance to the 3rd degree with no cost. Or they can advance to the 3rd degree on their own at no cost. Remember: to reach full knighthood, the member must take the third degree. In order to be elected to an official position, the member must be installed in the third degree.

ON-DEMAND EXEMPLIFICATION PROCEDURES

- Councils should forward the downloadable PDF invitation to all eligible prospects for admission and advancement.
- Candidates will need their council number to complete the registration.
- Candidates will register for the on-demand exemplification by clicking on the “View Now” link within the PDF invitation and filling out the online form.

- Contact the candidates to guide them through the registration if needed.
- Candidates then participate in the 30 minute ceremony, which starts immediately after registering.
- After the ceremony, councils must process the candidates by submitting form 100s the traditional way or electronically in Officers Online.

Once again, don't forget that there are many eligible and worthy men just waiting to be asked to join the Knights of Columbus. Continue to do what works to help your council grow during this challenging time. We may still in the midst of a global pandemic, but when presented with the opportunity to join our great organization, many men reply with an enthusiastic 'yes.' So please keep asking prospects to join.

As well, keep promoting our limited time Free Online Membership offer valid until 6/30 using the **MCGIVNEY2020** promo code. And keep inviting men to join the Order On-Demand using the invitations noted above.

If you have any questions about On-Demand Exemplification or Online E-Membership you may contact me at 709-596-6200 or gerard.butt@gmail.com

You can download the PDF Candidate **Invitation** to the On-Demand Exemplification at www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/ceremonials.html

Fraternally
Gerard Butt
Online Coordinator



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Message from State Scholarships

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Scholarships are available to students who will graduate Grade XII with Honours in June 2021 and will be attending a Post-Secondary institution.

Application deadline: May 1, 2021. 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.

Milestone

Sir Knight Kevin Dormody entered Hospital on Feb 1st. for surgery. On that same day he celebrated a *milestone* of 60 years as a Knight of Columbus member.

He joined the Knights in 1961 in Grand Falls, and in 1966 he joined the 4th. Degree. Kevin is also the 3rd. Oldest active past Grand Knight in Terra Nova Council 1452.

Kevin is still recovering from his surgery at home, and we are requesting prayers for him, his wife and his family to get through this very troubled time and that he will get well soon.

Fraternaly
John C Atkins
District Marshal Avalon East.

Congratulations

“Congratulations Brother SK. Andrew Walsh” Brother Andrew Walsh joined the Knights of Columbus Council St. Theresa’s Council # 7702 in 2012 and became a 4th Degree member in 2014.

For the past 2 years Brother Andrew has been a Research Assistant at Dalhousie University. working towards his PhD in Chemistry. Brother Andrew has published 11 papers in which 5 were 1st Author and 6 co-author papers that are published in the Journal of Physical Chemistry. Brother Andrew has presented at several Atlantic, Canadian and National Conferences including the Canadian Chemical Engineering National Conference in October 2019 in which Brother Andrew presented in both oral and in poster. Brother Andrew has won several education scholarships during his studies but in March 2021 Brother Andrew was awarded the Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Graduate Scholarship for 4 years valued at \$60,000 and will begin his PhD in Chemistry at Dalhousie University in May 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS Brother Andrew.

Message from our Webmaster

Our webpage has been live on the internet for many years. I have endeavored to keep www.kofcni.org up to date and of interest to members.

In order to serve our membership better, I need the help of the State Executive, all appointed directors, District Deputies and Grand Knights. If you have a message that should go out to all members in the province, please think about using the webpage. If councils have an important event, take a picture and send it to me with a description. I will put it in the “Knights In Action” section.

Our webpage is a source of many forms that can be printed right from the site. It is also the source of applications for the State Scholarships.

The scholarships can also be printed from the site. If you are interested in old newsletters, they can also be found here.

As we approach our second Covid convention, we need to make sure our members are not left behind in the area of technology. I wish our State Executive very successful convention. I hope that all members can stay safe and get the vaccine when it is available.

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Patrick Craig PSD
Webmaster

Message from State Lottery Chairman

Brothers; just a reminder to all Grand Knights and fellow Brother Knights. That the draw for the 50/50 Raffle tickets will take place on Saturday May 15, not Saturday April 24. All ticket stubs and monies must be turned in prior to draw date.

Jerry Barker

State Lottery Chair

Message from Master of the Fourth

Degree

One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic or patriotic functions. And despite the current situation with Covid-19, a number of assemblies are embracing the Order's fourth principle of patriotism by being focused this year on receiving the Supreme Civic Award. It is good to see the spirit of patriotism and national pride being exemplified in the patriotic activities conducted by our NL Fourth Degree Assemblies.

Despite the Fourth Degree Provincial Speaking Competition being cancelled again this year, at least one assembly opted to hold a Virtual A/V Regional Speak-Off for high school students dealing with topics that are of national interest for young and older Canadians, alike. Five students from 3 high schools were glad to be able to participate. Likewise, on Remembrance Day, despite the cancelling of parades, members of some Assemblies

placed a wreath privately at War Memorials in gratitude for the sacrifices in the past that were made for our country and for freedom.

Rosary Prayer Services are still being held, notably the annual Rosary and Light Procession at the Basilica, and in some cases, weekly rosary prayer services are continuing and starting up again, when suitable.

Masses and Rosaries for deceased members are being planned, and where permitted, Fourth Degree members are coming together showing their respect and reverence at funerals. A number of Brother Knights have passed away during the past 7 or 8 months, including a Faith Friar, a Faithful Navigator, a Past State Deputy, as well as a number of other Sir Knights.

On March 31, one assembly hosted a virtual Patriotic Rosary, with a number of Sir Knights from other assemblies joining in. This is a great way for all assemblies to pray the rosary together, being thankful for what we enjoy in Canada, and asking that we continue to live in peace, with safety and good health care for all.

It was good to see that Elections of Officers took place last fall where possible, and it is heartening to see different Sir Knights taking on official roles. In a number of cases, Installation of Officers followed the election of Officers. And here we are again, planning for elections in May or June.

A virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification for Newfoundland and Labrador was held on March 20 with 9 new Sir Knights joining various assemblies across the province. This exemplification was conducted in honor of Former District Master Bill Maher. There are currently

14 Assemblies in NL, with a total of more than 1000 Sir Knights on the roster. Some assemblies are more active than others, but we are thankful to all Faithful Navigators, Officers, and Sir Knights across the Province for the work they are doing in each Assembly. I would like to publically thank the three Fourth Degree District Marshals for their work, and acknowledge the great work done by the NL Degree Team.

A number of assemblies are also acknowledging the faithful and exceptional services of Sir Knights with Patriotic Service Awards and Awards of Merit. As well, some assemblies are expressing appreciation to Sir Knights/Members of the Canadian Armed services for their service in defense of our rights and freedoms, and their contribution to our growth as a nation. And other Uniformed Sir Knights are being recognized for their service in maintaining the peace, security, safety, health of the public in our communities.

We are continuing to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster a spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large. The Fourth Degree remains motivated to be a group of outstanding Sir Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country and our Order.

Assemblies are encouraged to recruit new members and provide viable programs during this time for the benefit of members and society. Remember that all Third-Degree Members, who have not yet advanced to the Fourth Degree, are all prospects for our Assemblies. We continue to look to the future with optimism and hope.

May all Brother Knights and their families continue to enjoy the peace and happiness of the Easter season. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Gerard Butt,
NL District Master,
Fourth Degree

Candle in the window

Two years have passed now since Covid 19 came on the scene and is still with us in 2021. In 2019, the public was asked to put a light of some sort in their window for hope that this virus would go away.

Since that time, not only did I put a light in the window that year, but I also even left the Christmas lights up longer than before. From this, I came up with an idea to put a CANDLE in the window for all those who were sick from time to time, because as a Knight, I was also coordinator for sick visiting of members who took Ill either in Hospital or at home.

Because of Covid 19, I cannot do that now. So, if you have a loved one who is sick, or in need of a prayer, just phone, or send me their name, and I will place it in the book under the candle in the window with the picture of Father Mc Givney inside the candle.

As of now I have over 30 names. Also the following is a poem I wrote especially for those sick in Hospital and those at home who cannot be there with them. The title is.

THE CANDLE IN THE WINDOW

Candle flickering in the night,
Candle burning oh so bright.
Day and Night you continue to shine,
As we pray for those who are left behind.

The sick ones suffer and so does the kin,
Give hope to those who are shut in.

The loved one or those who are not well,
Pray for them they find peace as well.

Candle burning in the Night,
To light the way and shine it's light.
Be a guide to those who pray,
Who trust in God both Night and Day?

Let those who look and see the light,
As the candle burns both Day and Night.
Let it carry your prayers to Heaven above,
And protect and heal the one you love.
Amen

Author. Sir Knight John C. Atkins F.D.D.
Written for his wife, CLEMENTINE.



State Insurance Report

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State Convention 2021

In a memo from Supreme dated April 21, 2021. It was noted At the time that the State has the right to hold an in person convention with up to 100 people, as per the health guidelines, but it is at the discretion of State to make that decision and the decision should, in my mind, be made with safety at the forefront.

It was, and that was the case with regard to the decision on the State Convention for Newfoundland and Labrador for this year. The State Executive looked at the present situation with regard to Covid in this province and while all agreed that an in-person convention would be nice.

It would be much better and safer to hold a virtual State Convention, because of the fact that people who would attend would come from all parts of the province and would not be within their own community bubble. And with the popping up of pockets of possible Covid cases in areas even after the easing of restrictions.

The State Board agreed that Virtual would be the way to go this year. But it was a State Board decision, and it was made taking into consideration the notification by the Health Department that we could in fact hold a meeting of 100 people. WE decided not to go that route this year.

Condolence

Sincere condolences to the family of the Late Brother/Sir Knight Michael J Tobin Past State Deputy of Newfoundland and Labrador who passed away on Friday March 5, 2021 at the age of 74. An Educator, A community volunteer, A town councilor, A man known for his use of some large quotes and one of his favorites was,

“There but for the Grace of God go I,”

Leaving behind are his wife of 52 years, Veronica, his daughter Annette (Mark) Kelly, his son Chad, and his three grandchildren: Shaelin, Liam and Claire. He also leaves to mourn his brother Ron (Phyllis) Tobin and their three children, Michelle, Brian and Danny, along with many extended relatives and large circle of friends.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fraternal Leaders

FROM: Patrick E. Kelly

Supreme Knight

DATE: April 21, 2021

RE: Council Operations and Relaxation of Pandemic Restrictions

The coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to present a risk, especially to persons who are unvaccinated or vulnerable due to age or medical condition.

Because the health and safety of our members and guests is of paramount concern, council officers and members are advised to proceed cautiously as pandemic restrictions on events, gatherings and activities are lifted.

The Order's policy for fraternal activity during the current pandemic has been updated as follows:

1. Members, and especially council officers, should exercise prudential judgment when planning or participating in travel, meetings, activities and events. They must research and obey all parish, diocesan and civil regulations.
2. All members should be given the opportunity to participate remotely in meetings and events. The kofc.org website includes numerous resources highlighting virtual practices and procedures.

This policy is subject to change in response to new developments in the pandemic.

cc. Board of Directors