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State Deputies Message



We are already two weeks into the Advent Season, and soon we will find ourselves dining with friends and family as we count our blessings for the bounty that God provides for us. We will gather to say thanks to God, our family, and our friends. Please remember those who are less fortunate, have little to eat, may not have adequate shelter, nor may have a coat or blanket. Help them in any way possible.

With Advent upon us, what better time of the year to participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy! The “Faith in Action” program model which includes “Building the domestic Church,” “Coats for Kids” “Spiritual direction” and “Food for Families” programs are excellent examples of these works, and they are Knights of Columbus programs that are both worthwhile community activities, as well as great programs to get your membership involved.

The Corporal works of Mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the prisoners, and bury the dead. The Knights of Columbus, through our various programs, allow each of us the opportunity to participate in these endeavors.

Brothers, there are needy people in every community, and we CAN help those less fortunate. Remember, the magic of Christmas does not come in a box, it can’t be bought, but it can be given by each of us. Let’s remember to “Keep Christ in Christmas.”

Brothers, the Knights of Columbus is changing, and early in the new year, we will see a significant change come about.

Several weeks ago, I attended the State Deputies Mid-Year meetings, held in Orlando Florida, where the State Deputies from around the Knights of Columbus World met with the Supreme Knight, Supreme Officers and Supreme Directors. The main topic discussed was a new Combined Degree.



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The new degree, due to be launched early in the New Year, will combine the admissions, formation and knighthood degrees into one Degree.

It will be open our families, and to the general public and will be about 30 minutes in length. New recruits will become full Third-Degree Members at the conclusion of the new Combined Degree.

More information on the new Degree will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Brothers, Marg and I would like to take this opportunity to extend Seasons Greetings to all Brother Knights and their families, and to wish one and all a Blessed Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

Message from State Chaplain



Dear Brother Knights,

We find ourselves half-way through the Holy Season of Advent. It is our annual season of joyful expectation. We joyfully expect the Lord's return in glory (second coming) and we expect with great gladness to celebrate his human birth among us at Christmas (first coming).

It is said that if we fail to celebrate, we may fail to cherish. It is our privilege and duty as members of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador to cherish both

the blessings of Advent and the Christmas season.

It was obvious from the various reports given by the District Deputies at the mid-year meeting in Gander that members of the Knights of Columbus are hard at work in our communities, during Advent in preparation for the Christmas season. Keep Christ in Christmas was the message at the forefront in all these endeavors.

Brother Knights, please keep in mind the Icon/Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians and the prayer program. This is a fitting time of year to pray for persecuted Christians, in particular, in the Middle East, the birthplace of Jesus our Savior.

As your state chaplain I pray for the continued growth of the Faith in Action ministry. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, in his recent address at the 137th Supreme Convention, reflecting on the life of now St. John Henry Newman, noted: "The Knights of Columbus magnificently fulfills Newman's vision of the laity, working in harmony with the bishops and priests, actively engaged in winning the world for Christ, and making him present through their witness of a Christian life".

Brother Knights, I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a truly joyful Advent, a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020.

Sincerely,
Father William Hearn
State Chaplain

Keep Christ in Christmas

Message from State Secretary



Brothers, as we celebrate Christmas, let's keep in mind the real "REASON FOR THE SEASON" especially when it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of festivities taking place at this time of year. Brothers, Christmas is much more than just a time to eat, drink and be Merry. It's more than a day or two for family and friends to come together, to remember the good things we have and a time to give and receive presents. For us, as Christians, Christmas is, first and foremost, the time to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child over 2000 years ago.

As you open your gifts, we might also pause and reflect on the fact that being present for others might be a great gift for those who are less fortunate than many of us.

On behalf of my family, I would like to extend Seasons Greetings to all Brother Knights and their families and to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pat Gambin

State Secretary

Message from State Treasurer



Christmas Greetings to my Brother Knights and your families. As your State Treasurer I have the responsibility of ensuring all State Finances are in order. Your State

Council depends almost entirely on the funds received from the Councils in the jurisdiction to complete its financial obligations. Proceeds from our State lotteries are essential to cover State commitments including State scholarships, pay our lottery winners, local newspapers advertisements as well as our legal and Supreme obligations. As well all councils benefit in the promotion of our State Lotteries throughout the province. Thank you to all for your commitment to your State Council. Sheila and I wish all Knights and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gary Gallagher

State Treasurer

Message from State Advocate



The Call Letter for Resolutions will be sent early in the New Year. It is the responsibility of each Council Advocate along with his Grand Knight to submit any Resolutions that are deemed necessary. Here are some points to ponder when considering your Council Resolutions.

What is a Resolution?

A resolution is an official expression of the opinion or will of a legislative body, in this case, your Council. The practice of submitting and voting on resolutions is a typical part of doing business in associations. It is capable of creating an official stance for your Council. Resolutions allow the Council's to be heard, create a change, and to pressure State and Supreme Council.

Resolutions are different from laws. Resolutions are limited to a specific issue or even.

A resolution is essentially one very long sentence, broken down into small parts, that describes why a Council wants to take action, and which actions it wants to take. There are three main parts to a draft resolution: the heading, the preamble, and the operative clauses.

How to Write a Resolution

1. Format the resolution by putting the date and resolution number at the top. If it's the Councils first resolution, you can number it whatever you want. Consider using something like 0001 and then giving all future resolutions a consecutive number.

2. Form a title of the resolution that speaks to the issue that you want to document. For example, "Resolution to Designate Funds of the 2016 Gala Fundraiser to the Parish."

3. Use formal language in the body of the resolution, beginning each new paragraph with the word, *whereas*. The first sentence should reference the Council's responsibility. For example, "Whereas it is the responsibility of the Council to designate funds for a specific purpose."

4. Continue writing out each important statement of the resolution, beginning each paragraph with *whereas*.

5. The last statement of the resolution should state the final resolution, which is the action that the Council took. For example, "Now, therefore be it resolved to designate the funds of the 2016 Gala Fundraiser to the Parish."

Here is an example of a Resolution from the 134th Supreme Convention, Council resolutions need not be this detailed nor long.

RESOLUTION HONORING MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA ON THE OCCASION OF HER UPCOMING CANONIZATION

WHEREAS, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a beloved figure throughout the world for her selfless service to the poorest of the poor; and

WHEREAS, she followed a "call within a call" by founding the Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to personal, hands-on ministry to the poor; and

WHEREAS, her work was recognized worldwide by her selection for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus shared a close friendship with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity since 1987, and has been privileged to collaborate in their ministry, responding to Mother Teresa's plea for our members to "help us with the soup kitchens ... with the poorest of the poor," by launching a program called "Operation Share"; and

WHEREAS, the Order has been honored to provide printing services for the Missionaries of Charity, including the printing of the community's Constitutions, daily prayer book and prayer cards, and hosting her on a visit to the Supreme Council headquarters in New Haven in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus recognized Mother Teresa with its highest honor, the inaugural Gaudium et Spes Award,

during the 110th Supreme Convention in New York in 1992; and

WHEREAS, following her death on September 5, 1997, the Knights of Columbus has been a consistent advocate for her canonization over the years, distributing holy cards after her beatification in 2003, and commissioning a bronze statue of her carrying a dying child, by Tommaso Gismondi, that is on permanent display in the Knights of Columbus Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Museum hosted the U.S. premier of the exhibition, “Mother Teresa: Life, Spirituality and Message” for the centennial of her birth in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Order has been pleased to closely collaborate with the Mother Teresa Center and the Cause for Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, including through preparation and printing of the Novena to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and through the commissioning of a new painting of Mother Teresa by the renowned artist, Chas Fagan, which will be the official canonization image of Mother Teresa and displayed on the façade of St. Peter’s Basilica on the day of her canonization; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has announced that he will canonize Mother Teresa on the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death, September 4, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus renews the Order’s high esteem and love for Mother Teresa as the Church prepares to raise her to the honors of the altar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Order pledges to continue its charitable works with the selfless example of Mother Teresa in mind, as her close association with the Knights during her lifetime is recalled.

Good Luck.

Message from State Warden



Brother Knights, as we come to an end of our first half of our Columbian Year, lets reflect on all our achievements as Knights and set our goals for the second half. As we take the Advent journey, let us all prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. Advent gives us an opportunity to prepare our lives for the most important day we all share.

This is a busy time of year for all, but we should take the time out to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and to remember to Keep Christ in Christmas. Take the time to give thanks for the many blessings we all share. The Christmas season is a joyous time of the year in which to celebrate the goodness of the Lord.

On behalf of my wife Pat and myself I would like to extend Seasons Greetings to all Brother Knights and their families, and to wish one and all a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally
Brendan Vickers
State Warden



Message from DD #2

Merry Christmas to my brother Knights and their families in District # 2 and throughout the NL & Labrador jurisdiction.

May it be a time for you to reflect on the past year and look forward with that knowledge to the new year, to improve how you do things in your council and in your own lives.

This is also a good time to ask a friend to give you a lift with your council activities.

Vivat Jesus
Merry Christmas
Respectfully Submitted,
Leonard Furlong DD # 2

Message from DD #4

On behalf of my wife CLEMENTINE and myself John C. Atkins District Deputy #4 we would like to wish all Brother Knights a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we approach the Holy Season of the Birth of the Christ Child, I want to wish everyone in the Knights of Columbus and my District #4 a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. To all the wives of the Brother Knights, I want to thank them for all their help, time and consideration they gave their husbands over the past year. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year also.

As we move into a New Year, I wish everyone good health and peace during this Christmas Season.

I am very thankful to serve as your District Deputy over the past 5 years. It has been an experience and I have learned a lot and will continue to learn even more over the coming year.

A THOUGH FOR TODAY.

Did you know, if life happens to deliver a situation to you, that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it, just turn it over to God, put it in His Hands, He will look after it. Don't worry about it, instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the person who has been out of work for years. Should you find yourself complaining about the weather, be thankful. There are those who can't walk, and would love to have legs so they can go out into the weather and walk.

Have a wonderful Christmas.
Fraternal
John C. Atkins
District Deputy #4.



Message from DD #5

Greetings and best wishes Brother Knights, on behalf of District #005 which consists of St. Anne's Council 6494, St Mary's Council 13320 and Dean Patrick Cleary Council 6672.

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy for allowing me the privilege of serving District #5 as your State representative. All councils in District #5 have been busy in the first half of this Columbian year carrying out the great work initiated by our founder Venerable Fr. Michael J McGivney and are looking forward to the changes that are coming to the exemplification of the 1st. 2nd. & 3rd. degrees of our order.

On behalf of my wife Donna and Myself I would like to wish all my Brother Knights and their families a very Blessed Christmas and look forward to the challenges and opportunities to serve in the new year.

Fraternally Yours
Robert Keating
DD #5

Christmas is

Christmas is the happiness that lights our children's eyes.

Christmas is a song of bells ringing through the skies.

Christmas is a time of peace, of contentment deep within,

A time of love and silent hope that years will never dim.

By Sherrill Thompson

Message from DD #7

Fraternal greetings and best wishes on behalf of the Councils and members in District #7.

District #7 was well represented at the midyear meetings in Gander with all three active councils being represented.

Congratulations to St. Ignatius Council #13763 on winning three awards. The awards were presented at the midyear meetings in Gander on Saturday evening. St. Ignatius Council received the Father McGivney Award, the Columbian award and was also presented with the award for the highest percentage net gain in membership growth in the jurisdiction for the past fraternal year.

The Father McGivney Award is named for the Order's founder and is given in recognition of outstanding membership recruitment and retention results.

The Columbian Award recognizes excellence in Council's programming and charitable outreach. To receive this award a council must conduct and report at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

A big thank you to Grand Knight Pat Kennedy, Monsignor Finn Council #5904, Grand Knight John Power, Father Hayes Council #7127, and Grand Knight Kevin Organ of St. Ignatius Council #13763 for your cooperation and hard work during the past few months. This is the season when the Knights do many great works of charity. Good luck with all your projects.

Sharon and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Vivat Jesus.
John George

Did you Know

The Partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. The 2 wo Turtle Doves are the New and Old Testament. The Three French hens stand for Faith, Hope and Love. The four calling birds are the four Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of Creation. Seven Swans a swimming represents the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit, Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy. The eight maids a milking are the eight Beatitudes. Nine Ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. The ten Lords a Leaping are the Ten Commandments. The eleven Pipers piping stand for the eleven Faithful Disciples. The twelve drummers a drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed. So, there is the history lesson for today

Social Media

Twelve days of Christmas

Message from DD #10

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers

District #10 consists of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville, Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing, Father P.J. Cooney Council 9789 in the Codroy Valley. Also, I have 2 inactive Councils.

The following is a report of activity in each of the 3 active councils.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville. Election of Officers took place in June 2019 with a full slate of Officers. A first time Grand Knight Brother Clyde Russell took over as Grand Knight, To date, they have conducted 3 First Degrees bringing in 6 new Brother Knights, They have scheduled a First Degree for the second Thursday of each Month, They have joined forced with the Community Café group in Stephenville where there is a free meal supplied to any-one in our area who would like to avail of it, This café takes place on each Thursday of the month with their Council looking after the third Thursday of the Month, to date, they have conducted 3 café's serving an average of 100 meals each time, They are very active in their Parish taking various parts in the mass regularly, they looked after all costs and supplied the man power to construct a small Chapel in the basement of St. Stephen's Church, 2 Brother Knights have been looking after all the maintenance around the Parish since the first of September, They had received 72 coats for the coats for kids program and had them distributed to the children who needed them,

They started a Chase The Ace fundraiser in November 2016 and to date they are on number 6. This Chase the Ace is down to 9 cards remaining with a jackpot of approximately \$22,000.00. There is an average of 14 Brother Knights each week running the fund-raiser. At the last Council meeting that was held November 7, Their Grand Knight Brother Clyde Russell who is a retired Colonel in the Canadian Forces, made a presentation with pictures on a visit he had made to Auschwitz in Poland. This was done as part of the Lecturers duties.

The Lecturer usually has something planned for each meeting. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council is very active in all aspects of the Faith in Action program. They are now in the planning stages for their Keep Christ in Christmas campaign.

Fr. P.J. Cooney Council 9789 in the Codroy Valley have been on a Rocky road this year with their Grand Knight resigning his position in September, At the time of this report, Their Chancellor Brother Ted Aucoin has stepped forward and is looking after the responsibilities of the Grand Knight. Their Deputy Grand Knight has been away working all fall and is due home before Christmas. They will be getting together when he gets home to put a plan together. I have been in contact with Brother Ron Aucoin from their Council who has been the go-to Brother for me.

Our Lady of Assumption 9464 Stephenville Crossing are hard at it. They are a small Council, but large in their many programs they are involved in. On December 8,2019, The Installation of officers took place.

On behalf of my wife (Lynn), and I would like to wish all Brother Knights and your Families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally
Tim Gaudet
DD #10



State Program Director

Greetings to all my Brother Knights. As your State Program Director, I encourage all councils to be actively involved in the many programs during the Christmas Season. It's a time for each council to shine in their Parishes and be actively involved in the true meaning of Christmas.

I want to pass along my Thanks to all councils that have been engaged in the programs under the Faith, Family, Community and Life guidelines. During the Holy Season please remember the programs to be completing

under the Faith/Community such as the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

As the second half of the Columbian Year is about to begin, councils should come up with new ideas and have all members involved. A busy council is a productive one.

My Wife and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally
Brendan Vickers
State Program Director

State Community Director

Merry Christmas to Worthy State Deputy Gordon Lannon and all State Officers and Brothers in the Jurisdiction of Newfoundland & Labrador.

In the spirit of Christmas, I'd like to remind Council Community Directors that under the State Community category of the Faith in Action program there is a required program called Helping Hands.

The guidelines for this program are broad and can include partnerships with local aid organizations, or by independently planning activities.

This program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the homeless and the elderly.

A council must conduct this required program in the community category to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.

Participating in Helping Hands does not satisfy the programming requirements for the Food for Families program. The two activities are separate and cannot be double counted.

To learn more about the Helping Hands program visit kofc.org/helpinghands

Vivat Jesus
Leonard Furlong
Stare Community Director

State Youth Director

Brother Knights, the first half of the Columbian Year is almost over. The councils should be planning the next half of their youth programs.

Information on the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest has been sent to district deputies and Grand knights. I encourage all councils to participate. This is a very easy program to complete under our Faith in Action.

The Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is under the authority of the State Council. It is open to all young people between the ages of 8 to 11 and ages 12 to 14. There is no entry form. Contestants are required to print their name, address, phone number, council name and number on the back of their posters. They will give the posters to the Grand Knight by January 15, 2020.

The Free Throw Competition at the council level should be planned for January. The four regional coordinators are in place at this time. When the date and time are finalized,

the Grand knights and District Deputies will be notified about the regional competition.

At this time, I would like to thank all councils for your continued support of our youth and youth programs.

My wife Marion and I wish all Brother knights and their Families a Very Holy and Merry Christmas.

Fraternally,
JohnThoms
State Youth Director

Message from DD #3

Brother Knights;

It is hard to believe that the first six months of the Columbian year is already past. Looking back at the activities of District # 3, I am honored to be reappointed District Deputy by WSD Gorden Lannon. 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.

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 State Scholarships

Knights of Columbus State Scholarship
Winners 2019

Forty-four students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. There were 11 applications for the State Council Scholarships and 41 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. There were 22 applications for the Dorothy M. & William J. Channing Scholarship. A total of seventy-four applications were received. Two students that applied were ineligible because they graduated with academic status. Winners are determined using the Department of Education Honors Requirements guidelines.

State Deputy Gordon Lannon is pleased to announce the winners of the 4 State Scholarships of \$1000 each, 1 Dorothy M. & William J. Channing Scholarship of \$1000 and the 4 Jubilee Scholarships of \$500 each for 2019.

Sydney Groves is the daughter of Todd and Lisa Groves of Mary Queen of Peace Council #7405, St. John's. Sydney is attending Memorial University.

Richard Kavanagh is the son of Rick and Elizabeth Kavanagh of Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Richard is attending Memorial University.

Claudia Kilfoy is the daughter of Claude and Barbara Kilfoy of Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Kaitlyn is attending College of the North Atlantic.

Aaron Snow is the son of Harold and Melinda Snow of Msgr. Finn Council #5904, Bishop's Falls. Aaron is attending College of the North Atlantic.

Dorothy M. & William J. Channing Scholarship

Emma Walsh is the granddaughter of John Hanrahan of Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Emma lives in Grand Falls-Windsor. She is attending College of the North Atlantic.

Jubilee Scholarship Winners

Ben Callahan is a graduate of Discovery Collegiate, Bonavista and is attending Memorial University.

Brianna Dalton is a graduate of Baltimore School, Ferryland and is attending Dalhousie University.

Francis Rory Shortall is a graduate of Ascension Collegiate, Bay Roberts and is attending University of Ottawa.

Julian Edwards is a graduate of Waterford Valley High School, St. John's and is attending Memorial University. (Shared)

Nathan Quinton is a graduate of Gander Collegiate, Gander and is attending Memorial University. (Shared)

Selena M. Cimbron was the winner of a Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship valued at \$1500 per year for four years.

Maurice Lewis
State Council Scholarship Director

Message from State Lottery

At the mid-year meetings held in Gander on the weekend of Nov. 29-Dec. 1, the Annual Fall ticket sweep was held. There was a total of 74,558 tickets sold. A region by region breakdown is as follows. Eastern Region – 29,832 tickets sold. Central Region – 20,254 tickets sold and in the Western / Labrador Region 24,472 tickets sold.

A list of all the winners of each region and who drew the tickets are available on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org, under lotteries section.

From these sales Councils received \$37,279.00 in rebates to help with their work. At these meetings, Councils also received their 2020 State Lottery tickets. These tickets make a good Christmas gift.

On behalf of the State Lottery committee, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jerry Barker
State Lottery Chairman



DD Len Furlong presents the Eastern Winner of the Annual Fall Ticket Sweep 1st prize of \$4500.00 to Ms. Eileen Bussey of Conception Bay South. Looking on is Grand Knight Steve Dalton of Fr. Francis Jackman Council 9303.

Message from State Family Director

Brother Knights, Our Columbian year is half over, and I have been getting reports from the various councils concerning their various family activities. All councils are doing their part in the support of families in different ways.

Although we have half of the Columbian year behind us, we still have six months left. Many family activities can still be conducted to strengthen and support the families of our members and our parishes. One of the programs that I have been given feedback on is the Food for Families programs.

Council through the province have been conducting food or clothing drives and making financial donations to their local food banks,

The Gathering Place and St. Vincent de Paul. This charitable activity supports the basic needs of the family. I would like to thank the

councils for their continued support of the Food for Families program.

Recently I have become aware that councils did not know that the K of C Supreme Council provides support to the councils who avail of this program. Councils that donate \$500 or 1000 lbs. of food are entitled to a rebate from supreme. The Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application (#10057) can be found at kofc.org/forms or in the Councils Report Forms Booklet. So, in reality a \$500 donation only cost \$400. Also, the plaque recognizes the council's contributions. It is important for the councils to recognize their members for the efforts that is put into the program. Councils are also conducting the Family of the Month Program. This is another recognition award that councils present to their members either monthly meeting or during a social function. It may seem a simple program to be conducted however it illustrates the effort our families put into our councils and communities. Some of these Family of the month have been recognized by Supreme Council. All councils are recommended to submit their Family of the Month to Supreme Council. On the 15th day of each month 100 Family of the Month reporting forms are randomly selected, and the families chosen to receive a Holy Family plaque. Form 1993 can be found in your form's booklet or at kofc.org/forms.

Councils are also supporting Families in our Parishes and communities by conducting children's Christmas parties, socials for the members and their families, and renewal of wedding vows in June. Remember Brothers that programs are not always complicated. For example, providing a Family program

before Mass such as a drawing program, chess and checkers or whatever suits your parish. This will enable families to spend time together before Sunday's Mass.

We have been also supporting families be participating in the celebration of Life for our deceased brothers. Rosaries, visitations, masses and Honor Guards have been provided to the families of our deceased brother knights. Please remember there is a special Rosary to be said for our Brother Knight's. Copies can be ordered through you Supply Dept. An easy program for our councils to partake is the saying of Rosaries for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus. There is also a Resolution of Condolence Certificate that can be ordered through Supreme. Councils usually conduct a rosary before their monthly meeting, so all they have to do is dedicate it to the deceased members.

Congratulations to all councils and their members for their corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. These are the reasons which I am proud to be a Knight and we should invite other Catholic gentlemen to join our order, so they can become involved in our activities.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas season. Please contact me if you wish any information concerning family activities at ray.bonia@nf.sympatico.ca.

Ray Bonia
Family Director
NL State Council

***The Family
It takes work
But it is a work of art***

Message from State Membership Director

Brother Knights, we are almost halfway through the Columbian year 2019-2020 and even though we have been doing fairly well in recruiting new members to our organization, there is plenty of room to grow our membership.

I want to thank all the councils who have been membership active to this date and I would like to encourage all councils to get involved in our membership drive especially in the next couple of weeks leading up to Christmas. This is an opportune time to seek out new prospects since there will be many people attending Christmas celebrations in our Churches. Take the time to get acquainted with new parishioners and reacquainted with some parishioners you haven't seen for some time. These people may be just waiting to be asked to get involved in parish activities and programs. It's our responsibility to ASK them because, as we all know, most people do not ask to join a group or organization. we must take the initiative in this regard. It's a chance to offer a gift of Membership in the Knights of Columbus to an eligible Catholic gentleman. It doesn't cost us anything but can bring great value to individual councils in the form of more help with programs, new ideas, and more opportunities to produce new leaders for the future. Remember, many hands make light work.

I would like to thank all the councils that were represented at the Winter Meetings in Gander November 29-December 01, 2019, despite terrible weather conditions again this year. I think this speaks well for the level of commitment from our jurisdiction. Many positive comments were heard from attendees

at the meetings as the sessions appeared to be interesting and informative with a sharing of different ideas and a great deal of fraternity.

From reports at the Winter meetings and shortly after the meetings, it looks positive that we will increase our membership during the month of December since a number of First Degree ceremonies are planned in a number councils as well as having a few prospects signing up online as e-members. This is a relatively new initiative where prospects can become members and later, they can choose what council they wish to join.

Also, this year, State has been stressing the importance of growing membership by recruiting ethnic and indigenous groups to our ranks since we have many Catholic men from varied ethnic backgrounds in our jurisdiction. We should make a special effort to invite them to join the Knights of Columbus. We are also trying to make some inroads at the college and university level in an effort to grow the Order.

For the information of councils that were not represented at this year's winter meetings, Supreme is planning to combine the First, Second and Third Degree ceremonies into one Degree which will take a shorter period of time to complete as opposed to having candidates attend three different ceremonies. More information will be forthcoming on this matter early in the new year.

To conclude, on behalf of my family, I wish every Brother Knight and his family in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would also like to challenge every Knight in Newfoundland and Labrador to

make a New Year's Resolution to ASK at least ONE NEW or FORMER MEMBER to join or to come back to our Organization. That would certainly help GROW MEMBERSHIP!

As an added incentive, State is offering \$ 25.00 to any member who signs up a NEW or FORMER member before the end of December 2019.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Membership Director

One member per Council per Month

Membership Benefits

Brothers are you aware of the Sick Children's Hostel fund and the Member Medical travel assistance program. These are two benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus as long as your dues are current. The Sick Children's Hostel fund would certainly be beneficial to any Brother who has a young family. If you have a child who you have to travel with for medical reasons, there is a rebate program whereas you can get reimbursed up to \$500.00 for accommodations. Depending on the circumstance, this could be reviewed to be extended.

The Member Medical travel assistance program will reimburse a member or his spouse a maximum of \$100.00 for travel. This is renewed each year.

The funds for both of these benefits comes from the sale of the Fall Ticket sweep.

For more information on both of these benefits, go to www.kofcni.org.

Message from FS Trainer

During the past few months I have had the pleasure of holding training sessions with officers of Terra Nova Council 1452, Monsignor McCarthy Council 5902, and Holy Spirit Council 6792. These sessions focused on council budgeting processes, various officers' roles, (especially the role of the Trustees), the flow of funds through the council, as well as addressing issues with the Membership Management and Billing system. The policies and procedures surrounding these processes are meant to protect your council's assets and the officers and program personnel who are involved.

These procedures are not meant to interrupt or slow down the delivery of programs. In fact, when implemented properly, they will enhance the delivery of programs while protecting council assets and personnel involved. Each one of us owes it to ourselves and our councils to do the best job we can by guarding council assets and personnel by delivering programs while abiding by constitutional directives.

I commend the councils who have taken the opportunity to review their processes and to make changes where necessary. I enjoyed our training sessions and I am pleased that I received a warm reception. I thank you all who gave their time, effort and input to these

sessions. Your reward is a stronger and more efficient council.

As this is the Christmas edition of the Knightly News, I wish all Brother Knights and their families a Holy, happy and joyous Christmas and a most prosperous and healthy New Year

Fraternally
Dennis Jones
FS Trainer



Message from Master

The Master's Thoughts for Christmas

Here is a few laymen's thought about "Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus." (Virginia O'Hanlon Reply Letter from Santa)

"She brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (St. Luke)

To you and your families and friends I send greeting and blessings for Christmas and the New Year. I wish you health, happiness and prosperity.

So, our common mantra has become "Keep Christ in Christmas". Assemblies and Councils fashion crèche, crib and float and

decorate church, altar and street: a noble action for the Prince of Peace and the very least we do to publicly witness to the Incarnation. But there is more; much, much more.

There is of course time for family, meals, gifts, trees and festivities and gaiety; For Christmas stories. Time to revive our nostalgia for ages past and the slide and sled we received as gifts. To grow amazed at the boyish exploits we narrate about beginning to sled at Dead Man's Pond and careen down Signal Hill, Temperance Street and Water Street to Royal Stores. Or the intrepid, rash, ride down Cemetery hill in Placentia. Running the gamut adown the length of Mount Bernard in Corner Brook. Yes, it's a time for nostalgia and memories.

But take some time to ponder the 1st Joyful Mystery: The Angle Gabriel, Cousin Martha, John the Baptist, Joseph the Carpenter, Wise Men and Shepherd. If you were in the room when Gabriel came, at Martha's when Mary arrived, or at the manger to welcome the Wise Men how would you react. Thus, mentally we center Christmas on Christ. So, we walk the talk and keep Jesus at the center of Christmas.

How powerfully we would celebrate Christ at Christmas if we all prayed the 1st Joyful Mystery on Boxing Day at noon for the Good of the Order. We would so honor the Christ Child. As St. John said, "in the beginning was the Word and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (St. John). He is the source of all gifts and he cares deeply for His sheep.

Knowing Christmas is not a glorious tree or heavenly decoration, not wondrous gift, mistletoe or holly, Santa or elves. These are human activities that please us and are

marvelous experiences and we rightly are involved. But in your heart of hearts remember the Incarnation introduced Jesus our friend, brother and Savior. It was the beginning of our journey too. Our personal journey with him as he carries us across the sand of time.

No human ever walked on this planet for a short life and so influenced the history of the world and loved so totally. We must really honor him during the Season of Christmas. He walks with us at Christmas and we try to welcome Him with every ounce of praise and the joy our spirit generates.

There is some movement on the purchasing of the new Regalia in our jurisdiction. Assemblies are coming up with different ways to help Sir Knights purchase the new Regalia. One that I am aware of is being done at Our Lady of Perpetual Assembly in Stephenville. They had some discussion between their Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. It was agreed that the Council benefits greatly from an Honor Guard as we are known as the show piece. Their Council will assist in the amount of \$225.00 and their Assembly will also assist in the tune of \$225.00 for any Sir Knight who purchases the new Regalia this Columbian year. This assistance totals \$450.00. This is more than 50% of the actual cost which is \$851.00 total. If any Assembly has any questions on this, you can contact SK Bob Miller FN at 643 2632 or bobmiller49@hotmail.com.

Vivat Jesus!
Derm Whelan
Master Fourth Degree

Message from State Insurance

Why do the Knights of Columbus offer Insurance?

It may seem odd that one of the world's largest charitable organizations is also one of North America's largest insurers. However, it is not odd because providing financial protection for Catholic families has been the core of the Knights of Columbus mission since the beginning in 1882. Our venerable founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, in his short life witnessed first-hand the devastation brought on by the untimely death of a family breadwinner. Today we continue to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of offering and providing financial protection for Catholic families. Hence the reason we continue to offer Insurance.

There is no more highly rated insurance company in North America than the Knights of Columbus. It has more than \$100 billion of insurance in force and has received top ratings from rating agencies for more than 40 consecutive years. It has been named a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the past 3 years and has had 15 consecutive years of sales growth. With such a highly rated successful insurance company owned by Knights of Columbus members, one can only guess at the reasons less than half the membership in this jurisdiction are insurance members. Is it because members and their families are not informed about the insurance? Is it because the insurance is not promoted enough at the Council, State and Supreme levels?

Fr. McGivney's vision in 1882 was that every eligible Catholic family be invited to join the Knights of Columbus. His vision was that every member also be an insurance member. The

range of products now offered by the Knights of Columbus can make this vision a reality.

The future of our order depends on membership. The insurance program is one of the best tools we have to entice young families to join. We have to use it. Ask a young family to join and use the insurance program as the drawing card that can save them money.

A few thoughts to ponder.

“Life insurance costs money, yes, but lack of life insurance costs even more. It could cost your family its home and your children a good education”.

“When life insurance is needed, it can't be purchased at any price”

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

As agents “we have only four competitors: Death, Disability, Illness and Old Age. Our job is to see our clients before any of our competitors.” Lim Beng Suan LUTCF, Singapore

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Annual Columbus Night

Msgr. Wm. Williams Council 8640 in Kings cove held their annual Columbus night celebrations on November 8 in their Council home. There were approximately 60 members and their guests in attendance. The guest of honor was our State Deputy Gordon Lannon and his wife Marg.

There were several presentations made. They were Knight of the Year – Bro. Thomas Ryan, Family of the Year – Bro. Tim Connors and his wife Lena. Our Council scholarship of \$300.00, went to Noah Harty, son of Bro. Leo Harty and his wife Melinda.

There were also two donations made. The first was to St. Mark's All Grade School, scholarship foundation. This was in the amount of \$300, accepted by Mrs. Anne Barker, chair of the scholarship foundation. The other was in the amount of \$1000.00, to St's Peter and Paul Parish. Accepted by Bro. Maurice Lewis chair of the Parish finance committee.

In his remarks Grand Knight Hayward Dobbin, thanked the State Deputy for attending, also to some of our Council's widows and thanked those who prepared the meal and wished everyone a good evening.

Keep Christ in Christmas Speech Contest.”

The second annual St. Bonaventure's College and St. Paul,s Council 11776 keep Christ in Christmas speech contest was held on November 21, with 12 participants taking part. The top three speeches were selected, and a monetary prize was awarded. The prizes were as follows, first place was worth \$100.00, Second prize was worth \$75.00, and

the Third prize was worth \$50.00. The winners and their speeches were as follows, Cecilia Martino - Has Christmas Become Too Commodified?

Matthew McCarthy - Spirit of Giving

Cecilia Hollett – Keep Christ in Christmas.

From all reports and interest, this event will certainly be an annual event.



St. Pauls Track and Field Project

On Wednesday November 27, 2019 at St Paul's church on NFLD Drive, St Paul's Council 11776 Knights of Columbus made a **\$30,000.00** donation which is the 2nd half of its total \$60,000.00 donation to this project named above. All of the students of St Paul's Jr High and teaching staff and some parents along with many members of Knights of Columbus were in attendance (a full house).

Minister Bernie Davis spoke as did the Grand Knight of St Paul's Council K of C and the Principal of St Paul's school Elizabeth Ares. Two students cut the ribbon out on the field after the speeches were done and pictures

taken. The school raised \$70,000.00 for this project. The city of St John's donated \$50,000.00. This seed money made it possible for Minister Bernie Davis to leverage the rest of the money needed from the provincial and federal government programs to complete this project. Minister Bernie Davis noted in his speech that *it was not for the Knights of Columbus starting and investing in this project, it would not have happened.*

St John's now has a Track and multi-purpose Field. We intend to bring back school track meets much like in the days when the schools competed at King George the V Track and Field back in the early 70's. St Bon's, Holy Cross, St Pats and St Pius X had some great Track Meet Competitions back in the day. Many of those athletes were multi-sport athletes. What soccer, basketball or hockey coach didn't want a track athlete? Chris Murphy taught all of his basketball players at St Bon's how to run with the track and field program. Many of his players went on to the Canada Games in the mid 80's and placed 5th which is the best we have ever done at a Canada Games in basketball. Many of those players went on to achieve University Scholarships around Canada and won Championships at the University level.

St. Paul's Council 11776 Knights of Columbus Council started the ball rolling on this project as they and the parish of St Paul's along with the RCEC believe in supporting the youth and elderly of our community.

Other partners were the NLESD and St Paul's school along with the three levels of government with the help of Minister Bernie Davis, Mayor Danny Breen and also Nick Whelan MP at the time. The message is that,

what we can achieve with collaboration and partnerships for the youth and the elderly of our community.

We need to engage the youth to become more physically active for health reasons as we are (as you know) competing with the electronic age. This is loud and clear from our Public Health Professionals. We need facilities like this to attract everyone in our community to become more physically active.

Who knows it may be the reason in years to come for track stars from NL to make the podium at future Canada Games, World Games or even the Olympics, who knows?



Why are there 12 days of Christmas

The nearly two-week time period starts and ends with two pretty significant holidays: Christmas Day on December 25 and the Epiphany (Old Christmas Day) on January 6. Christians believe that the 12 days of Christmas mark the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany when they *recognized him as the son of God.*

Editor's Note

I would like to thank all contributors for their submissions to this edition of the Knightly News. As you can see, there is a lot of activity in this great jurisdiction. Please keep up the good work.

I would like to remind everyone that at this time of the year with some much on the go and everyone so busy, that we can easily get frustrated with each other and the situation at hand by times. Just remember that most all people are fighting their own demons and that we should all just have respect for each other and just watch what we say sometimes. A little thoughtless comment here and there may seem minor, but you don't know how someone may take it.

On behalf of my wife Debbie and myself, we would like to wish all Brother Knights and your Families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, Holy and prosperous New Year.

Bob Miller
Editor

