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As we approach the Blessed Christmas Season, we are still trying to deal with the impact of COVID 19. It's been nine months since the Pandemic struck Newfoundland and Labrador, and while this jurisdiction has fared fairly well, with some of the fewest cases of COVID 19 reported throughout the country, we still have to practice caution and to continue following the protocols put in place by the Department of Health in order to effectively deal with this crisis. As such, many of us cannot, or are reluctant to, come together in face-to-face meetings. That has created untold hurdles in our efforts to carry out our many programs, and especially to grow the Order.

Councils ARE overcoming those hurdles though, with innovative, and outside the box solutions, and are using social media, with great success. For example, it is not all that difficult to hold a prayer meeting, or to conduct the Rosary using computers, or by telephone. The Leave No Neighbor Behind program is another program that can be conducted remotely, quite efficiently and successfully, simply by making telephone calls to parishioners. You can check on them, see how they are doing, and determine whether they need help of any kind, from getting medications or groceries, to needing a bit of work done around, inside or outside, their homes.

Conducting council programs remotely is just one of the ideas being promoted by the Supreme Council. Supreme has also developed a new set of guidelines, really a revamping of existing guidelines, for holding regular Council Meetings. Supreme is urging all councils to start using these new guidelines, immediately. Look for some changes when you attend your next meeting. First and foremost, the meeting should be a bit shorter.

The Supreme Council has also provided an incentive to help recruit new members, However, this incentive will only be available until the end of December. By joining online, and using the code MCGIVNEY2020, a new member will receive free membership for one year. A good way to make use of this incentive might be to invite a family member, a brother, an uncle, a

son, a grandson, to join the Knights of Columbus This invite can be extended using Social Media, meaning you can still follow the protocols in place because of COVID 19.

We have all heard about the vaccine now being distributed to help in the fight against COVID 19. But we still are not out of the woods. Hopefully, that will change in the new year. But after saying that, I don't expect we will be fully back to normal until mid to late 2021.

Brothers, I wish to thank each of you, and your families, for what you've done, and continue to do for the Knights of Columbus, for your parishes and for the Catholic Church. Keep up the good work.

On behalf of my wife Marg, and myself, I would like to extend best wishes to you and your families for a Blessed and Holy Christmas, and a prayer that 2021 will bring you good health and happiness.

Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

Message from State Chaplain



My dear worthy brother knights and to all of good will, "The word became flesh and lived among us" "John 1:14.

Today, we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord Jesus the Christ coming into the world to brighten our lives. Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be hesitant but to allow him into our lives. Jesus 'love is greater than our hearts and minds can comprehend, He desires to be our companion.

This year has been a difficult year with the covid 19 pandemic threatening our health and taking with it many lives of loved ones, family and friends. Shutdown of economies, restrictions, job losses, and increased anxiety. The fear that can grip us can be paralyzing and over whelming. We know our human frailty and must come to terms with our own mortality.

The Good News of the "Word became flesh" is that God came to us because he wanted to join us on the journey, to listen to our story, and help us realize we are not walking in a circle but moving with Him toward his wisdom and understanding. This journey has brought us down different avenues, some dead ends, and through some seemingly endless hills but has also brought us through lush forests, rolling meadows, the roaring ocean, beautiful landscapes and the warm embrace of human love

The mystery of Christmas gives us comfort that we are not on the journey alone. We know the journey of Joseph and Mary: their poverty and lack of social status, their trek through hostile land, their rejection at the inn, and of course, Jesus born in a barn.

Glory to God in the highest! The light that is Jesus has lifted the shroud of gloom and darkness. Our humanity is renewed, and Hope is given. Christ humbled himself for us. He went from commanding angels to sleeping in straw. Jesus went from holding stars to clutching Mary's finger. The palm that held the universe took the nail of the soldier. All to meet us on life's road and journey with us. We are never alone. The Truth of the Incarnation speaks loudly of the Desperate Love of God the Father for each of us. He sent His only Begotten son through the power on the Holy Spirit to become Flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus the Lord becomes the Light shining in the

darkness, the Hope of our lives, the Presence of God's infinite Love for us.

“From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace: (John 1:16) I wish you and your families a most Blessed and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with His Peace. Merry Christmas!

Peace & Love,
Fr. Jeff Kolonel S.C

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 celebrates 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.

As part of my duties as State Secretary, I want to thank all the members who participated in our recent Mid-Year Meeting, which was held virtually and seems to have been well accepted by all attendees. Thank you for your support and patience in this venture since the venue and date was changed due to restrictions put on us by COVID-19.

As of this date, all pertinent information has been sent to councils, including our Spring Lottery tickets which seem to be selling quite well and sales look promising. On behalf of State Council, I want to encourage all councils to make a special effort to sell all the tickets that have been assigned to you and if you feel that you cannot sell all the assigned tickets, please let any member of the State Executive or State Lottery Chairman, Jerry Barker, know just in case other councils may be looking for extra tickets.

Your second half assessments will be sent to councils in early January and I want to urge all councils to pay these assessments at your earliest convenience.

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 and healthy New Year.

Pat Gambin
State Secretary

Message from State Treasurer



Greetings to all my bother Knights. As we close out this year with almost 9 months of COVID restrictions I am delighted to see that as a Knights Fraternity we have survived the year. Many other fraternal and community associations have had much more difficulties in keeping their operations together. Thanks to the tireless efforts of your State Executive, District Deputies, Grand Knights and you our fellow brothers we have fared much better than many other organizations. The Knights of Columbus worldwide is undergoing many changes in an effort to bring the organization into the 21st century.

These changes have been well received and more are coming. Your State Council has disbursed many thousands of dollars this past year in the form of State Lottery winnings, Council rebates and Scholarship awards among others. Thank you for prompt payment of your Council assessments and taking part in our lottery sales which are our only means of financial support. In our fundraising efforts we are currently sending our new 50/50 Lottery Sweep tickets at a cost of \$25.00 per ticket. So far sales are doing quite well. A different selling approach from other years but one that is necessary in these uncertain times. The great selling point is that if all tickets are sold would have the potential of up to a \$125,000 prize to the eventual winner. Quite a handsome prize. Please consider taking a ticket or two and selling them to your family or friends. Every ticket sold helps your Council and your State Council. Hopefully soon we can put this pandemic behind us and start normal operations again. At this time my wife Sheila and I wish all my Brother Knights a safe and Merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming new year.

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher
State Treasurer

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Message from State Advocate



My Brother Knights:

2020 has been a trying year all over the world. COVID-19 has affected every facet of our lives. Praise the Lord there appears to a great light near the end of the year, that great light is a vaccine.

While the Order continues to do works of Charity for our communities and our parishes, our number of new members in Newfoundland and Labrador has dropped to our lowest level. The Knights of Columbus must grow to survive, if we are to maintain our good works and acts of charity. I encourage each one of you to reach out to a Roman Catholic gentleman and offer him membership in our Order. Supreme is offering a free 12-month membership online but that offer ends Dec 31.

I want to thank all councils that have continued to do good work during the pandemic and ask you to share your success with other councils, together we are stronger.

The State Executive continues to support each Council. Our past Virtual State Convention and our recent Mid-Year Virtual Meeting are a testament.

As we look forward into 2021, I will be sending out the Call for Resolutions letter early in the New Year for our Annual State Convention.

If at any time your Councils need interpretation of any of the rules or bylaws of the Order, feel free to reach out to me as your State Advocate.

Many of you may have family that cannot come home this Christmas due to the pandemic travel restrictions, I know that my sons cannot come home, I urge you to continue to communicate with them throughout the Christmas Season. My wife Christine and I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Safe Christmas.

Vivat Jesus
Paul R. Baldwin
State Advocate

Message from State Warden



Brothers, as we prepare to celebrate the Holy Season that is upon us, let us take the time and remember what the Season is all about. With the pandemic still in our world let us not forget to **Keep Christ in Christmas**. Let us celebrate the Birth of the Christ Child with our family's. This past 8-9 months have been a trying time for our order but let us not dwell on these months and look forward to the New Year and continue to do what we are known for and that is our programs. Brothers our programs are a key part of our organization so let us start engaging our councils back running our programs and building our order. The good works of our founder Father McGivney must continue.

On behalf of my wife Pat and myself we wish all Brother Knights and their wives and family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Brendan Vickers
State Warden
State Program Director

Christmas Is

By Sherrill Thompson

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.

Message from DD #3

To all my Brother Knights

I bring you greetings from District #3. The councils in my district, Fr JB Kent, St Paul's and Mary Queen of Peace are continuing their programs to assist our parishes and community. A lot of our activities often go unnoticed however they have huge impact on their recipients. I applaud the members of the Knights that run the food banks, organize activities in our parishes and continue to keep their councils on track throughout these uncertain times. We have to continue our efforts to provide the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to those who need it. These are the reasons why we are proud to a *Knight of Columbus*.

Fraternally
Ray Bonia
DD#3



Message from DD #5

You know this is Christmas? So What Have We Done? Six Months Older and only six more to come, Then Another Done. Listening to the comments of Our Brothers during mid- year meetings it's been a different year for the first half then it has been in the past, many things have been accomplished, we will continue to do our best to serve the needs of our parishes and communities. I have attended meetings throughout district 5, Shared the information received through Supreme and State Councils through online webinar's and E Mails. Some of the events are ST. ANNE'S Council Presented a one-thousand-dollar scholarship to Catherin Wadman. Dean Patrick Cleary Council sold the first prize ticket for the fall sweep, ST Mary's council presented the Pastor with a five-hundred-dollar cheque for their participation in food for families. All three councils are involved with their worthy chaplains [Pastors] in ministry in the Churches. They assist in maintenance, they are involved with the Schools Keep Christ In Christmas, essay contest, Scholarship Program, Fundraising events. Many donations that they receive requests for. The Gathering Place, Center for life, they all have plans in place for assisting the food banks and Christmas hampers this month. These are just a few of the many events happening in District No 5, My experience has been that all council members will continue to do their best to meet the needs of all of the requests that they received.

I wish to thank all Brother Knights for the welcome I received at meetings.

Wishing All Brother Knights and Your Families A Happy & Holy Christmas GOD BLESS.

Dave Kenny

Message from DD #6

This year due to the COVID – 191, most of Msgr. Wm. Williams 8640 activities have been postponed or cancelled. There are still some things we are still continuing with. One of the most important is our commitment to our Council's widows. This year as usual we are giving a \$25 gift card to our widows to help with their Christmas celebrations.

A Keep Christ in Christmas sign has been erected in front of our Council home in King's Cove and also Sacred Heart Church in Open Hall.

Jerry Barker
District Deputy #6



Message from DD #7

Greetings from District #7.

District #7 is comprised of three active Councils: Msgr. Finn Council #5904 in Bishop's Falls, Father Hayes Council #7127 in Harbour Breton, and St. Ignatius Council #13763 in St. Alban's. There are also two inactive Councils in the District. They are located in Buchans and Norris Arm. There are two 4th Degree Assemblies in the District. Bishop O'Neill Assembly and Father Stanislaus St. Croix. District #7 has two Round Tables affiliated with Monsignor Finn Council. There is a Round Table in Fortune Harbour and another in Botwood.

My report is summarized in the term COVID-19. In March 2020 all Councils, communities and indeed the Province of NL experienced a shut down unlike anything we have witnessed in modern times. During this shutdown K of C Programs and activities came to an abrupt halt. Our churches were closed, and our communities were operating on essential services only. Everyone was concerned for the safety of their families and friends and everyone followed the direction given by the health authorities. The months that followed the arrival of COVID -19 were difficult and challenging for everyone.

In the past few months, we have moved to Alert Level 2 in our Province and as a result many activities were once again permitted to take place following the health guidelines. Our churches were permitted to open under strict conditions and our communities were slowly returning to normal practices. Most of our church goers and K of C members are elderly and fall into a high-risk category. Most people are extremely cautious and are avoiding gatherings. There has been low attendance at Mass and attendance at attempted Council meetings has been dismal.

During the past 8 months our K of C Families and Councils struggled with coping with this pandemic. As mentioned earlier, when our Churches and Councils were closed there was very little being done with regard to programs and activities.

The Councils in District #7 have supported the State Lottery initiatives, but the overall sales have declined. Our members usually sell tickets in the foyer area of local stores, but that practice has not been permitted and members are not willing to take unnecessary risks by being in public areas for prolonged periods.

Even though our province and our communities are slowly reopening, there still exists a high level of anxiety as everyone anticipates the beginning of the 2nd wave of the virus. It seems our COVID-19 numbers are on the rise and everyone is very concerned.

Our Councils are looking for direction on how to operate under these difficult conditions. These are not normal times, and we cannot expect our Councils to operate as if times were normal. Most of the webinars are suggesting virtual meetings and streaming events live. Our councils are not there yet and there is a lot of work that needs to be done to help councils and members with technology challenges. An American author, Maxwell Waltz, once stated that most crisis situations are opportunities to advance or stay where you are. For our District to advance during this difficult time we must address the issues that Councils are experiencing.

Councils are telling me that their revenue has declined because they are not involved in the same fundraising projects as in previous years. The traditional fundraising events previously sponsored by Councils are not working or are no longer permitted. There is no question that programs have been greatly reduced because of this pandemic. My suggestion to the Grand Knights is to keep it simple and to reach out to our Pastors and offer assistance and support to our Parishes wherever possible.

Leadership and succession planning continue to be a concern in our District as well. Maybe more could be done at the District and State Level to assist Councils develop this essential leadership skill.

I'll conclude my greeting with a quote from another American author Elizabeth Edwards ... *"and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails."* We must now adjust our sails and move forward following the guiding principles established by our founder, the Blessed Father McGivney.

From our house to yours ... may this joyous season bring you all good health and happiness. Merry Christmas and best wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous new year.

Vivat Jesus
John George DD#7

A Knight before Christmas

What a wonderful Christmas gift to a Catholic gentleman. Membership in the Knights of Columbus. There are basically 3 requirements for membership.

1. You must be a male
2. You must be 18 years old or older

3. You must be a Catholic

If you meet these 3 requirements, you can become a member. To all our Brother Knights, if you have a son who is not a member and is 18 or older. Ask him to join a great Fraternity. If he joins before December 31, 2020, there will be no membership dues for 2021. If he lives away, he can join online. Go to kofc.org and enquire.

Message from DD #10

Greetings Brother Knights:

District 10 consists of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville, Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing and Fr. P.J. Cooney Council 9789 in the Codroy Valley.

Like all other councils not only in Newfoundland and Labrador but through-out the world, councils in district 10 are struggling but surviving. My own council, council 3742 Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Stephenville maybe the exception some-what. They have been moving ahead with programs and meetings where and when possible. They have started up their bingo's on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights. They took part in the success stories Canada last month with their Grand Knight Clyde Russell making a presentation. They are in the process of planning their annual Christmas Day dinner. Due to COVID-19, their dinner will be delivery only. At the time of this report, they have approximately 100 dinners scheduled for. They are in the process of distributing their allotment on 1000 of the 50/50 tickets. They took part in the annual Coats for Kids program by getting 2 schools

involved in making the decision on who may require a coat.



Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing are also struggling but keeping things going. At their regular meeting on Sunday December 13, their Grand Knight Hubert Hynes conducted the meeting using the new format. This maybe one of the first meetings conducted using the new format in the province. It was a little different, but good. I think that once we get use to the new format, we will say, why didn't we do this a long time ago.

Father PJ Cooney Council 9789 in the Codroy Valley have also been struggling. They have a new Council Chaplain in the name of Father Andrew White. Father White will be a great asset for this council. At their regular meeting of December 7, Father White attended his first meeting and all I can say is what an uplifting experience.

All 3 Councils are participating in the Keep Christ in Christmas programs and also the 50/50 lottery campaign.

On behalf of my wife Debbie and myself, we would like to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas. All the best for a Happy and Holy New Year.

Fraternally
Bob Miller
District Deputy #10

*Merry
Christmas*

Message from State Family Director

Brother Knights

As we finish the first six months of the Columbian Year it is time to reflect on how we as Knights conducted our programs during this pandemic. The change in society the past year was enormous and we as knights have to change too.

Our regular way of running programs cannot be done however modified versions certainly can. Adhere to the guidelines set out our health care professionals to maintain our personal bubble. I encourage all Knights and their families to participate in Family programs especially now in this Pandemic when it is needed most. These can be conducted within the family bubble such as praying the rosary. Set aside some time during each week to pray as a family. Invite God into your home and cultivate your family as a miniature domestic church. Encourage your family and friends to celebrate Christ Birthday and not the commercialized Christmas. Is there a family you know that is underprivileged or having a difficult time during this pandemic? Conduct a mini food drive by asking people to

drop off food items to a location so you can deliver them. Reach out to your brother Knights through phone calls to relive the stress and depression of being isolated this time of year. Sometimes a simple act can mean a tremendous amount to another person.

Fraternally
Ray Bonia
Family Director

Message from State Youth Director

The first half of the Columbian year is over, and we are ready to move into 2021.

Reflecting on our past achievements we should now plan for the rest of the Columbian year in 2021.

Information on the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Drug Awareness, Abuse and Alcohol Awareness Contests has been sent to the district deputies and Grand Knights. All councils are encouraged to take part in those very important programs.

The regional and state free throw competitions and soccer challenge have been cancelled because of Covid-19. Councils are encouraged to conduct those programs at the council level following the provincial rules for a safe environment. There is a perfect score award available for any participant taking part in the free throw and soccer competitions.

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

Marion and I would like to wish all Brother Knights and their families a Very Holy and Merry Christmas. Keep safe.

Fraternally,
John Thoms
State Youth Director

Message from Online Membership Director

Originally, the goal of Online Membership was to recruit large numbers of young men who would form a membership pool in each state that could be linked to local councils. To do this, it was necessary to recruit members through the online communication channels that young men use and rely upon. While this would seem to be a predominately digital membership experience at first glance, the end result would be to help a prospect grow as a Catholic man and as a Knight of Columbus. Thus, these new members would not be much different from Knights of the past. And with that in mind, it's up to all of us to not only welcome these new members, but to actively seek them out in our community, and in our parish, and invite them to join.

Not only is Online Membership a faster way to join the Knights of Columbus, but it's also a great opportunity for our Order to reach across generations and be available to prospects with various interests and experiences.

When these new members migrate to local Councils, they will then have the opportunity to choose the projects to be involved in within the community, and frequent opportunities to work alongside brother Knights in local councils.

In our Newfoundland and Labrador jurisdiction, during the past 6 months there have been just 5 members join online; 2 have already migrated to a local council.

The following table shows how our State Council compares with the rest of Canada in online recruitment. (NL has a goal of 30 online members this fraternal year; so far we have reached 17% of that goal.)

State	2020-2021 Target	New Members YTD (As of 9/15/2020)	% of Target	FY 2020-2021 Council Conversions	Percent FY Council Conversions
BC	164	89	54%	13	15%
AB	203	99	49%	3	3%
ON	515	244	47%	19	8%
MB	62	21	34%	3	14%
NS	36	12	33%	3	25%
SK	86	27	31%	2	7%
NB	62	17	27%	0	0%
NL	30	5	17%	1	20%
QC	616	79	13%	3	4%
PE	16	1	6%	0	0%

Please promote Online Membership every chance you get. Perhaps you have a son, a brother, a nephew, an uncle, a brother-in-law, a neighbor, a parish priest that you could ask to join the Knights of Columbus. Just as you were asked to join and were welcomed into the Knights of Columbus, you can help others deepen their faith and put it into action. You can help others protect their loved ones and provide for the future. You can help others get involved by serving others. You can help others defend Catholic ideals and be a voice for a better society.

In keeping with our foundational principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, I would like to wish all Brother Knights and your families a happy, holy, and peaceful Christmas. Stay safe and Keep Christ in Christmas.

Gerard Butt, State Online Membership Coordinator, NL

Message from State Insurance Promotion

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has noted many times that “**membership growth is our primary responsibility**”. Everything we do in the Knights of Columbus depends on membership and it is the responsibility of every member to grow membership. **Mother Teresa** (now St. Teresa of Calcutta) once said “**To keep the lamp burning we have to continue putting in oil**”. The Knights of Columbus is no different than that lamp. If the Knights of Columbus is to continue the great work, it has done for over 100 years in this jurisdiction we have to add new members. Our membership in this jurisdiction is aging and every year many are passing.

One might ask ‘**How**’ and ‘**Where**’ do we get these new members. In our jurisdiction we have approximately **2-3% of eligible Catholic men** in our Order. “**Where are the others?**” They are in your families, your church, your community, your school, your workplace and the vast majority of them have never been asked to join.

How do we get them to join the Order? Invite them and give them a good reason to join. The **Fraternal Benefits** offered to a family should be at the top of the list----**scholarships for their children/grandchildren; member/spouse medical travel fund; children’s hostel fund; free accidental death insurance for member and spouse; and our insurance /investment products**. Let prospective members and their families know that one can become a member of the Knights of Columbus today by **joining online**. If they join online before **December 31**, they get the first year of **membership free**.

They can do this by going into www.kofc.org/joinus and entering the code **McGivney2020**. They can also take the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Degrees combined in an online exemplification with their family. All prospective members and their families should be informed of this. Maybe it can be a notice in the Church Bulletin.

The Knights of Columbus has an extensive portfolio of top-rated products including life insurance, disability insurance, long term care insurance, RRSPs and TFSAs. This can be the best recruiting tool we have available. A family with a mortgage and young children will thank you for providing the information for them.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest insurers in North America with excess of \$110 billion of insurance in force. There is no insurance company in North America with a higher rating than the Knights of Columbus. This begs the question **“Why are less than half our present membership insurance members with their insurance needs looked after by their own company, the Knights of Columbus?”** Again, the answer often lies in the fact that the members are not informed of the products available.

With COVID19 the discussion around **Long Term Care** has become a major topic. The Knights of Columbus offers Long Term Care insurance and with the Comprehensive Plan, benefits can be paid for care in one’s own home or in a senior’s home.

The Knights of Columbus have insurance products among the best in the business. Using these products as a recruitment tool will increase our membership. A prospective

member can buy Knights of Columbus insurance without being a member. However, he has 90 days after the policy is issued to become a member.

A few points to ponder:

“If you die, the bank pays your family what you saved. Life insurance pays what you meant to save---tax free”.

“When Life insurance is really needed, it can’t be purchased at any price.”

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

Field agents:

Brother Gilles Seguin -- 902-446-3150, email gilles.seguin@kofc.org (General Agent)

Brother Terry Tibbs – 709-256-3349, email terrence.tibbs@kofc.org

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Message from State Scholarships

Twenty-nine students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. There were 7 applications for the State Council Scholarships and 25 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. There were 15 applications for the Dorothy M. & William J. Channing Scholarship. A total of **forty-seven** applications were received. Two students that applied were ineligible because one graduated with academic status and the other is in Grade XII this year.

Winners are determined using the Department of Education **Honours Requirements** guidelines.

There are 5 State Scholarships of \$1000 each, 1 Dorothy M. & William J. Channing Scholarship of \$1000 and the 4 Jubilee Scholarships of \$500 each for 2020.

State Scholarship Winners

Hannah Hickey is the daughter of Raymond Hickey of Avalon Council #2223, North River. Hannah is Attending Memorial University.

Brianna Harty is the daughter of Leo and Melinda Harty of Msgr. Williams Council #8640, King's Cove. Brianna is attending Memorial University.

Claire St. Croix is the daughter of Sebastian and Madelyn St. Croix of OLPH Council #3742, Stephenville. Claire is attending Memorial University.

Catherine Wadman is the daughter of Peter and Leeann Wadman of St. Ann's Council #6494, Dunville. Catherine is attending Memorial University.

Joseph Patrick Williams is the son of Patrick and Trudy Williams of Fr. John B. Kent Council #6638 Mount Pearl. Joseph is attending Memorial University

Dorothy M. & William J. Channing Scholarship

Gina Spencer is the granddaughter of Paul Gillingham of Archbishop Howley Council

#2581, Corner Brook. Gina lives in Massey Drive. She is attending Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

Jubilee Scholarship Winners

Maria Downey is a graduate of Holy Heart High School, St. John's and is attending Memorial University.

Abrianna Guest is a graduate of Mobile Central High School, Mobile and is attending Memorial University.

Brianna King is a graduate of Queen Elizabeth Regional High School, Foxtrap and is attending Memorial University.

Daley Merrigan is a graduate of Corner Brook Regional High School, Corner Brook and is attending University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.

Supreme Scholarship Winners

Cole G. B. Matthews, son of Jonathan Matthews, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council #8555 in Pasadena was the winner of a Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship valued at \$1500 per year for four years.

Jessica E. Wilcott, daughter of Corwin Eugene Wilcott, St. Ignatius Council #13763 in St. Albans was the winner of a Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship valued at \$1500 per year for four years.

**Fraternally
Maurice Lewis
State Council Scholarship Director**

Message from Round Table Chairman

Brother Knights.

Hope this message finds you well. 2020 has been A terrible year and a lot of things happening. But don't be sad, have hope, as we continue on into the Fraternal year 2020 - 2021. I know many of you have families and loved ones away and would love to see them again and miss having them home, to share a meal or listen to their stories and memories that is usually discussed around the table.

At this time of year, and other times of the year, it is especially important to feel the loved one's present. Celebration can be difficult when your family is not home with you.

Remember, you can show your love in other ways, such as virtual gatherings (by which ever platform you use), listening to music together, being thankful to God for life, health, and the gifts and blessings that you do have, and praying to God to protect you as you go about your day.

As I quote from the Bible, in the words of St. Paul to the Colossians, chapter 3.12-14, Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, greatness, and patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, as the Lord has forgiving you, so must you also do.

And especially, above all these, give LOVE, it is the bond of perfection. As God so has loved you, so should you, love one another.

Christmas is supposed to be a Happy time, but unfortunately some of us have lost loved ones just before Christmas and this is very sad. Our

hearts and our prayers go out to those who have passed and to the ones who are left behind. God's ways are not our ways, so don't give up hope. We will keep you in our hearts and minds over the Christmas Season.

I know the 9 months of COVID -19 has everybody rattled. I see the frustration everywhere I go in the Malls, in the Supermarkets etc. I have spoken to many staff in many places and you would not believe the verbal abuse many of them have to put up with.

So, in closing, as this 2020 year comes to an end, let's look on the bright side and prepare for a better and safer 2021, Let's try to keep our calm, and SMILE. If you SMILE at someone and be friendly it can be contagious.

On behalf of the Atkins Family, from our home to yours, we wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFER NEW YEAR.

Fraternally
John C. Atkins
Round Table Chairman

Message from State Lottery Chairman

Brothers, the fall sweep has concluded, and the following is a break-down on the sales and winners of the sweep.

On Saturday, November 21 the annual fall ticket sweep draw took place. The ticket draws took place at Terra Nova Council in St. John's. This year, our ticket sales totaled 51,650. A very large drop from 2019, the difference was 22,908 tickets.

Region by region the sales were as follows –
 Eastern Region - 27,276 tickets sold.
 Central Region – 14,162 tickets sold.
 Western / Labrador Region – 10,212 tickets sold. With this decrease in sales, it means a loss of \$ 11,454 each to both State Council and individual Councils.

Eastern Region			
Region	Ticket #	Winner	Amount
Ticket Drawn By	Draw # 18449	B. Doyle	\$4,500.00
	Seller =====	W. Tobin	\$300.00
	Draw # 15561	Sean Hepditch	\$500.00
	Draw # 6975	Catherine Clarke	\$200.00
First Place Winner / Barker, State Lottery Chair			
Central Region			
Region	Ticket #	Winner	Amount
Ticket Drawn By	Draw # 26200	Judy Brennan	\$4,500.00
	Seller =====	Beth Brockerville	\$300.00
	Draw # 11810	Cedric Moore	\$500.00
	Draw # 6790	Theresa H; Sherry Cross	\$200.00
First Place Winner hael Russell, St. Paul's Cou			
Western / Labrador			
Region	Ticket #	Winner	Amount
Ticket Drawn By	Draw # 13370	Cecilia Duffenais	\$4,500.00
	Seller =====	Stephen Duffenais	\$300.00
	Draw # 474	Marc Whalen	\$500.00
	Draw # 17847	Darlene Penton	\$200.00
First Place Winner Furlong, GK, Terra Nova C			

The State Lottery has been replaced this year (\$40.00 tickets) by a 50/50 draw. The following is an explanation and rationale behind making the change.

I am sure you are all aware of a decrease in sales of State Lottery \$40.00 tickets over the past number of years and in particular last year, 2019-2020. The drop in sales is due to a number of factors for the past 5-6 years with the main reason for last year's drop being Covid-19 and all the restrictions that were put in place. As a result, last year, we sold the lowest number of the \$40.00 lottery tickets since its inception. This has resulted in lower revenues for councils and State especially this past year.

Because of this, State has been looking at ways to continue our lottery without incurring the risk of loss to Councils or State. Under the present Lottery scheme, we have an \$81000.00 + liability when we sell our first ticket. If a sufficient number of tickets are not sold we still have to meet our commitment of prize payout and incentives to councils.

As a result, the Annual \$ 40.00 Lottery Draw is cancelled for this year and State is introducing a 50/50 lottery for the Spring Draw at State Convention in April 2021. This lottery will have 10,000 tickets printed at \$ 25.00 per ticket. This means that if all the tickets are sold the winner would receive a prize of \$ 125,000.00. The more tickets sold would obviously mean more revenue for Councils and State. There will also be an Early Bird Draw on February 15, 2021 for \$2000.00. The winner of the draw will receive 50% of total sales and the remaining 50% will be divided by a 60/40 split between Councils and State, respectively. This means that Councils will receive 60% and State will receive 40%. This takes away the risk of not having enough revenue to cover the cost of the prizes.

Brothers, in order for this to be a successful venture, we need all councils to be on-board and encourage all members to sell tickets. With COVID-19 restrictions in place and all the uncertainties that go with it, we want to urge councils to come up with innovative ways to sell those tickets to increase revenues for your council. Again, the more tickets we sell the more revenue both Councils and State will have at their disposal to carry out their programs.

As the leaders of your councils, we are asking you to help make this a very successful lottery this year by encouraging your council's full participation and involvement in this project.

Remember, this is set for this year and may or may not continue in future years, depending on what degree of success we have in carrying it out.

Let's all put a special effort forward and make this a win-win situation for all concerned !

Message from Master of Fourth Degree

Fourth Degree, Newfoundland and Labrador District

A number of Assemblies are embracing the Order's fourth principle of patriotism by being focused this year on receiving the Supreme Civic Award despite the current situation with Covid-19. It is good to see the spirit of patriotism and national pride being exemplified in the patriotic activities conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies.

Last year, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Assembly 1653 was honored with this award.

Despite the Fourth Degree Provincial Speaking Competition being cancelled again this coming spring, a number of Assemblies have 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.

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.

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 5 or 6 months, including a Faith Friar and a Faithful Navigator.

It is good to see that Elections of Officers are taking place where possible, and it is heartening to see different Sir Knights taking on Officer Roles. Installations of Officers have taken place at Dalton Assembly 1645 (Faithful Navigator Eugene Hurley), Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0623 (Faithful Navigator Michael Connolly), Our Lady of Perpetual Help Assembly 1653 (Faithful Navigator Robert Miller), and Archbishop Howley Assembly 0623 (Faithful Navigator John Barry).

Now is a good time to publicly acknowledge the work done by Former District Master Derm Whelan over the past four years. Also a good time to publicly acknowledge the three Fourth Degree District Marshals who continue to serve: District Marshal Wayne Alexander on the West Coast, District Marshal Bill Bursey in Central and District Marshal John Atkins on the East Coast.

Indeed, we are thankful to all Faithful Navigators, Officers, and Sir Knights across the Province for the work they are doing in each Assembly. There are currently 14 Assemblies in NL, with a total of 1007 Sir Knights on the roster.

2 virtual meetings with Vice –Supreme Master George McCormack, and the other three District Masters in the Most Reverend Francis Kelley Province were held.

I also attended a Virtual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree south of the border, where over 100 knights advanced to the Fourth Degree.

With that in mind, we are hoping to hold a Virtual Exemplification for Newfoundland and Labrador sometime in the spring.

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 look to the future with optimism and hope.

May all Brother/Sir Knights and your families enjoy a happy, holy, and peaceful Christmas. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Fraternally
Gerard Butt
District Master

Editors notes

Brother Knights; During these most uncertain times, it is good to see that there is still work being done by the Knights of Columbus for the betterment of all. I believe that Supreme is leading the way around the world when it comes to changes in the way things are done due to this little thing called COVID-19. This virus is small, but is it ever throwing a huge punch. Our State Board is also making changes to the way things are being done by hosting virtual meeting in place of face-to-face meetings. The recent meetings that were held virtually on December 5 were excellently and professionally conducted.

I would like to thank all contributors for your input for this edition of the Knightly News. Your input is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of my wife Debbie and myself, we would like to wish every-one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bob Miller
Knightly News
Editor.



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