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State Deputies Message

*Unto us a son is given
And he shall be called Wonderful Counsellor
Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace
And the government shall be upon his shoulders
Isiah 9: 6-7*



On behalf of Bev and myself I want to congratulate our immediate past State Chaplain Bishop Peter Hundt on being named Archbishop of St. John's and to offer our prayers for Bishop Hundt as he starts his next challenge.

Brothers as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child let us take time to reflect on the first half of our Columbian year. We just finished our Mid-Year meetings in Gander, November 30 – December 2. Our meetings were very successful with all Brother Knights having a great weekend and taking part in discussions on our successes to date and plans for the remainder of the year. This past week on December 8, 2018, Conception Council 1930 celebrated its 100th anniversary and on behalf of myself and all members of the Knights of Columbus in this province I want to extend our sincere congratulations. I would also like to congratulate Council 5902. McCarthy Council on achieving Star Council Status for the last Columbian year, well done. Thank you to all councils and all members of the Knights of Columbus for all the hard work you do throughout the year.

Bev and I attended the Supreme Mid-Year meetings in Houston, Texas from November 2 – 4. The Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in his address to the meeting brought renewed emphasis on Building the Domestic Church program and the Faith in Action Program which replaces the Surge with Service program.



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This program is meant to strengthen the bond between the Council, the parish and families. Through our Building the Domestic Church initiative, every Knights of Columbus Council is called to respond to the challenge facing our families and our parish community. To accomplish this, we must rededicate our-selves to our mission of service for the church. By implementing this initiative in your councils. Knights, their families, and all parishioners participate in activities that strengthen our parishes and build Catholic fraternity.

Early in the new year the Fraternal Survey Form 1728 will be due. This form summaries the work of your council for the past calendar year and it is extremely important that Councils completed this form on time, capturing all of the activities over the past year. Brothers all our councils work hard throughout the Columbian year and we would be doing our brothers and ourselves a great disservice if we don't complete Form 1728 on time and as accurate as possible. Please show the members of your councils that their hard work is appreciated and that the leadership takes note of all the hard work that members complete.

This is a busy time of year for everyone and I encourage everyone to take some time out to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and to especially remember to “**Keep Christ in Christmas**”. Take time to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, especially our families.

Bev and I extend a wish for a blessed and Holy Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year to you and your family. Once again thank you for all the hard work you do for our great order

Fraternally,
Brian Hurley
State Deputy

State Chaplains Message



Dear Brother Knights:

A successful and informative gathering of the Knights of Columbus took place in Gander at Quality Inn on the weekend of December 3 and 4, 2018. Also St. Joseph's Parish was pleased to welcome visiting Knights and their spouses at the 5 p.m. Sunday Liturgy (December 3rd).

The Mass was more enhanced since it was the beginning of the Holy Season of Advent. In the Gospel according to Luke, we were encouraged **be on guard, be alert at all times** in order to **stand before** the Lord Jesus Christ at his Coming in power and great glory.

Advent gives us a new opportunity to prepare our lives **to please God, more and more**. We **strengthen our hearts in holiness** by continuing to practice the Columbian principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

The marvel of Christmas is that the Divine Son of God chose to be born a member of our human family. He became one of us to show us how to be more human, compassionate, loving to our

families, community members and even complete strangers.

This is a busy time of year; however, we do our best as Knights of Columbus to approach Christmas **with an expectant hush rather than a last-minute rush.**

Keeping Christ in Christmas means living in a Christ-centered way by offering helping hands in service to our God, to our families and to the needy of our communities.

Brother Knights, as State Chaplain, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful Advent and a holy Christmas. I assure you of my prayers now and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,
Fr. William Hearn,
State Chaplain

Message from State Secretary



Brothers, Christmas is just over a week away.

Christmas is a holiday that has always been celebrated carelessly. For years, and even more so today, people in all parts of the world have been swept away in the season's festivities, and very few ever stop to consider the real meaning of Christmas.

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 should first and foremost, be the time to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, who was born to redeem us from sin.

I would urge you, and your families, to actively participate in the festivities of the season, but to also remember as you celebrate during the Christmas period, that you're celebrating a real event that happened about 2000 years ago.

And as you open your gifts, you might also pause, and reflect, that God sent his Son, the Christ Child, into the world as a Christmas present for everyone.

On behalf of myself and 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.

Gordon Lannon
State Secretary

Message from State Treasurer



Brothers, the first half of the 2018-2019 Columbian year is drawing to a close and we have just returned from our annual Winter meetings in Gander

where we had our annual Fall Sweep ticket draw. Sales from this lottery were up by 6000 tickets this year. I am pleased that all councils have paid their First Half Assessments for 2018-2019 and are in good standing with State.

I would like to remind all Grand Knights that the Second Half Assessments will be mailed to each council in early January and I would encourage all councils to pay their assessments as soon as possible after you receive the invoice to ensure that council members continue to remain eligible

for the fraternal benefits offered by Supreme and State. These benefits include Scholarships, the Member Medical Travel Fund and the Children's Hostel Sick Benefits.

Just a reminder that members ***in good standing*** are eligible to receive up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) a year under the Members Medical Travel Fund. Members required to travel more than 100 kms from their home for medical treatment are reimbursed at the rate of .06 cents per kilometre from their home council to the community where they have the medical appointment. The Newfoundland Statistics Website is used to determine the number of kilometres travelled.

Also, the Sick Children's Hostel Fund is available to eligible members ***in good standing*** up to a total of five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00) per year. Any member wishing to find out more information on the Members' Medical Travel Fund and the Children's Hostel Sick Benefits, or to determine if they can avail of the Fund or Sick benefits, can contact their Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.

On behalf of your State Lottery Committee, I want to urge all councils to get actively involved in our second half major fund-raising venture: the \$40.00 STATE LOTTERY. Last year we saw an increase of 300 in ticket sales over the previous year. This initiative, as well as the Fall Sweep, is vital to your councils and the State Council if we are to continue on a positive financial path into the future. Increased revenue will ensure that your council and State Council will be able to continue with many of our programs that are now in place and may provide the opportunity to improve or add new programs.

On behalf of my family, I want to wish all councils and individual members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Just remember

to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin

Message from State Advocate



Brother Knights welcome to the Christmas season. As we enter the second half of the Colombian year, we are already seeing great acts of charity among all our councils. Food hampers, Coats for Kids, special functions for our seniors and socials for the widows of our departed members. All the best as we start a new year of service to our Church and Communities. Let us KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS in all our works.

Merry Christmas from my wife Sheila and I to all my brother knights.

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher
State Advocate

Message from State Warden



Brothers; as we come to the end of another calendar year, let us look back at the moments that took our breath away. Remember family times and treasure them as another year approaches. For our Order, this year has seen the Knights of Columbus grow spiritually with our new Faith in Action service program.

I would encourage all Brother Knights and their families to become more active in their Faith and in their community. Your example will be a beacon for other men who will want to join our ranks.

As we continue our Advent journey to the birth of the Christ child, I ask all Brothers to be inspired by our founder the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and remember that charity begins at home. In the hustle and bustle that often occurs during the Christmas season always keep in mind that *Jesus is the Reason for the Season.*

Both my wife Christine and I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to the State Council and their families, as well as all other members of the Knights of Columbus and their families.

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Baldwin
State Warden

Message from Past State Deputy



My Brother Knights, we are now in our 2nd week of advent and everyone are busy preparing for Christmas and family gatherings.

During this month many of our Councils and members will be visible in our communities doing volunteer work and donating to worthy causes such as Christmas Hampers, Food Banks, displaying Keep Christ in Christmas messages and assisting our Parish Priests with preparation of the church for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

As we interact with family and friends let's keep membership in the forefront. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is one of the best gifts a catholic man can receive and one that can change the life of his family forever.

In the next two of weeks I will be sending each Grand Knight and District Deputy a copy of your current suspended members. Christmas would be a great time to touch base with some of those former members. While visiting or talking to the former member let him know what your council is currently doing and invite him and his family to take part in your activities. Once he gets involved then there is a greater chance that he will rejoin the council and become an active member.

Mary and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Emile Cabot
Immediate Past State Deputy
Former Members Chairman

OH, CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE

Message from DD #1

Where does the time go? Dalton, Avalon, and Monsignor McCarthy councils have been busy all year with projects and support to their church and community. Each council with historic milestones; Dalton Council participated in the exhumation and reburial of their namesake Bishop Dalton, Avalon Council is just finishing

a major fundraising project to fund the drilling of a well in an African town to provide drinking water, and Monsignor McCarthy Council was awarded STAR Council status.

District #1 has been busy, and it will continue to be busy in the New Year as the councils run their Faith in Action programs. The ICON of *Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians* will be in the district in the New Year and I encourage all Brothers to participate in this amazing program. I want to thank Grand Knights John Etridge, Rusty Noseworthy and Phillip Hurley for all their support to me and all the hard work they did for their councils. Keep up the good work. Grand Knights cannot do things alone, thanks to all the Brothers who keep the wheels rolling in their councils, it could not be done without your support.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year as our district will be hosting the ICON.

From my wife Christine and I, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas to all.

Vivat Jesus

Paul Baldwin, District Deputy #1

***One member per Council
per Month***

Message from DD #2

Merry Christmas to my brother Knights and their families in District #2 comprising of St. Teresa's # 7702, Fr. Francis Jackman # 9303 Holy Spirit # 6792 Avalon # 6001 and all brother Knights and their families throughout the State.

Congratulations to all councils in District # 2 for your efforts in the Faith in Action program under Faith, Community, Family and Life.

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity form # 1728 and the Special Olympic Report for the year ending December 31 is due on January 31. You can complete the survey electronically by visiting kofc.org/forms.

Checkout Fraternal Training Webinars on the Knights of Columbus Supreme site.

Novena for Life

The United States conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is hosting 9 days for Life- a digital pilgrimage of prayer and action from January 14-22, 2019.

Go to www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm

By Participating in this 9 day for Life you can achieve a program credit for the Novena for Life program, which is a required program.

Ask a fellow parishioner to give you a helping hand with your programs this Christmas.

Fraternally Yours,

Len Furlong DD # 2

***As long as we know in our hearts what
Christmas ought to be,
Christmas will be***

Eric Severeid

Merry Christmas

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 appointed District Deputy by WSD Brian Hurley.

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 erected a monument to the still born and miscarried children in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, 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.

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.

Each council has the complete support of their Parish Priest's 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 DD #4

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, Worthy State Directors, Brother Knights.

First of all, I want to express my thanks to the Worthy State Deputy, Brian Hurley for allowing me to be part of the State for the past four years, serving as District Deputy for District 4, Avalon East.

It has been a wonderful experience, and a great chance to meet all the officers, both of Council and Assemblies in my district. I hope that I have served them well, over the past four years in the position of District Deputy, and District Marshall Eastern.

I have to say that the councils in my District are doing well, and they will continue into the future, doing the work of Father McGivney, in the organization of the Knights of Columbus.

As we approach the Holy Season of Christmas, it is time to look back at the first half of this Columbian year and realize our strengths and weakness. The time and effort we have put into

making the Knights of Columbus a fraternal success.

It is also a time to look at the present and how we are coping with the changing of our daily lives, and how we are dealing with all that is happening in the world.

It is also a time to look to the future, and try to make it better, try to do a little more, try to be a little friendlier to our neighbors, and try to put the negative things out of our minds.

In this Holy Season of Christmas, I want to take this opportunity, to wish you and your wives, and families, a Very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

In closing, I want to leave you with a little prayer I put together. The next time you sit down with a group of friends, or family gathering at a Christmas meal, you can use this prayer and reflect on how grateful we all are.

Lord, as we look back over time, at the first Christmas, when the three wise men travelled for miles under the guidance of the star in the East, to bring you the first Christmas presents. May we be reminded with thankful hearts of the love that comes with each present that we open.

We are so grateful today for all you have given us in our lifetime. Close the door of hate, and open the door of love, all over the world.

May we be kind to everyone and forgive those who have offended us. Lord we are grateful of those who are gathered around this table, and those who have prepared the food...

Bless us, and this food, and those we love that are not with us today. We pray for those who have no

place to live. We pray for peace in our families, and Nations throughout the world.

As we share this meal and refresh ourselves with food and drink, may we be conscious of our responsibilities for the earth from which it has been produced, and the hands which have labored to bring it to our table. We ask this, through Christ Our Lord. AMEN

Fraternally,
John C. Atkins
District Deputy #4

***And so, this Christmas season
May our hearts with gladness glow
As we read the blessed story
That took place so long ago***

By Alpha L Buntain

Message from DD #5

Greetings to my Brother Knights in District 5 comprising of St Ann's 6494, St Mary's 13320 and Dean Patrick Cleary 6672 Councils and all Councils throughout the Province.

As we approach the Christmas season, I encourage all members to reflect on what the true meaning of Christmas consists of.

The Christmas season is a joyous time of year in which to celebrate the goodness of the Lord.

My wife Pat and I wish all my Brother Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Brendan Vickers
District Deputy # 5

Message from DD #7

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

It has been busy times in District 7 since the last publication of Knightly News. 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 all a very Merry Christmas, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

We are looking forward to spending the holidays with family in Alberta.

Best wishes everyone.
John George
DD #7

The Christmas Heart

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart,
a wide-open heart that thinks of others first.
The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history,
because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing

medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years...
Underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart.
By George Matthew Adams

Message from DD #9

District #9 consists of Archbishop Howley Council 2581 in Corner Brook, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council 8555 in Pasadena and Msgr. Brennan Council 8649 in Deer Lake. Merry Christmas to all the Clergy, State Personal, District Deputy's and all Brother Knights in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador. Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas and hope that you all have a safe and healthy New Year.

Fraternally
Keith Kean DD#9,
State Community Director

Message from DD #10

Brother Knights; the first six months in district #10 has been busy. The installation of Council Officers has been completed in all 3 of my Councils. The district meeting was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville in August with 21 Brother Knights from all 3 Councils participating. OLPH in Stephenville also hosted a Financial Secretaries training seminar in November. Fr. PJ Cooney Council 9789 had a prostate awareness evening with Dr. Thomas in and gave a power point presentation on prostate cancer. This was open to the general public and approximately 25 people were in attendance. K of C news items are being published in various Parish Bulletins. Maurice Lewis our Insurance man has been out to PJ

Cooney Council 9789 on a couple of occasions and spoke about the Insurance. OLPH Council 3742 is in the process of starting up a Round Table at Cape St. George. All three Councils are actively involved in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign.

I would like to wish all Brother Knights and your Families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally
Ron Aucoin
DD #10

*Silver bells, silver bells,
It's Christmas time in the city.
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring,
soon it will be Christmas day*

State Youth Director

Brother Knights; We are almost finished half of our fraternal year. Councils should be planning the second half of their youth program. The Basketball Free Throw should be planned for January and the District Free Throw for February. The regional coordinators are in place and they will set the time and date for the competitions. There are four regions. The State Competition will be held in Grand Falls - Windsor in March. When the date and time are finalized the grand knights and district deputies will be notified. The posters for the Keep Christ in Christmas Contest are due January 15, 2019 and the Alcohol and Substance Abuse posters are due March 15, 2019.

Thank you to all the councils for your continued support of our youth and the youth programs.

I wish a Very Holy and Merry Christmas to all Brother Knights and Your Families.

Fraternally,
John Thoms
State Youth Director

Scholarships

Thirty-five students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. There were 15 applications for the State Council Scholarships and 35 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. A total of **fifty** 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 Brian Hurley is pleased to announce the winners of the 5 State Scholarships at a value of \$1000 each and the 4 Jubilee Scholarships at a value of \$500 each for 2018.

State Scholarship Winners

Ryan Connors is the son of John and Leona Connors of Msgr. Williams Council #8640, King's Cove. Ryan is attending Memorial University.

Emily Griffin is the daughter of Robert and Linda Griffin of Msgr. McCarthy Council

#5902, Carbonear. Emily is attending Memorial University.

Kaitlyn Hackett is the daughter of Peter and Nancy Hackett of Fr. John B Kent Council #6638, Mount Pearl. Kaitlyn is attending Memorial University.

Emily Molloy is the daughter of Russell and Pamela Molloy of Holy Spirit Council #6792, Conception Bay South. Emily is attending Memorial University.

Miguel Santos is the son of Joseph and Frances Santos of Holy Spirit Council #6792, Conception Bay South. Miguel is attending Memorial University.

Jubilee Scholarship Winners

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

Brianna Hepditch is a graduate of O'Donel High School, Mount Pearl and is attending Memorial University.

Kevin Sharpe is a graduate of Marystown Central High, Marystown and is attending Memorial University.

Radhika Verma is a graduate of Stephen High School, Stephenville, and is attending Memorial University.

Kaitlyn Hackett was also 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 Program Director

Greetings Brother Knights. I bring you Christmas greeting on behalf of my Wife Sheila and myself. As your state Program Director, I want to thank all members for your contributions to the many programs conducted by your Council which include our Christmas programs like the "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and Coats for Kids. I encourage all Councils to conduct active programs which fall under the new Faith Family Community and Life guidelines.

Many Councils have already completed many components of the various programs and are well under way of meeting achieving Star Council status.

The new Marion Hour of Prayer ICON's are now in circulation throughout the Province and hopefully will be arriving to a Council near you.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gary Gallagher
State Program Director

State Family Director

Brother Knights; It has been six months since our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Council has rolled out the new Faith in Action Program manual replacing Surge with Service which has provided us guidance for many decades. The new program has four areas

instead of six with Surge with Service, some of the old programs have been retired and new ones created. I hope the executive of each council has had an opportunity to review the Faith in Action Manual. If not, then they can view it on line on the Supreme website www.KofC.org and then select programs. A complete description of all the programs is available for all our Brother Knights to view. The recommended Family Programs by Supreme Council are as follows;

Keep Christ in Christmas

Consecration to the Holy Family

Family Fully Alive

Family of the Month/Year

Family Prayer Night

Family Week

Food for Families

Good Friday Family Promotion

I also encourage councils to participate any local council programs that have been developed. Please contact me if you have any questions on Family Programs.

Fraternally
Ray Bonia
NL State Family Director

Message from State Life Director

As Knights and their families prepare for the Christmas season let us keep uppermost in our minds the reason for the upcoming celebration

and the most perfect gift that God gives us- the gift of life. We need to remember the simple joy felt when a new life enters the world and to share this feeling with others.

As Life Director I would like to encourage all councils to review our pro-life programs and initiate projects to support and defend life. Prayer is the foundation of our programs. Let us participate in the Novena for Life, Masses for people with special needs, support for our seniors, support for the Christian Refugee Relief, Special Olympics and various other projects that support life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank councils for their support given to the Centre for Life and for any other projects promoting life.

On behalf of myself and my family I want to wish all Brother Knights and their families a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year filled with peace, joy and the love of Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus
Eugene Hurley
State Life Director

State Poster Contest

This year the Substance Abuse and Drug Abuse Poster Contests will be state competitions only. There will be no supreme competition.

The contestants are requested to print their name, address, council name and council number on the back of their posters. The contest is open to all youth in two age groups, ages 8 - 11 and ages 12 - 14. The poster must be 11 x 17 inches in size. Council judging will take

place in January. District judging will be in February and the deadline for the State judging is March 15, 2019.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Free Throw and Soccer Challenge Kits can be ordered from Supreme Council.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.
John Thoms
State Youth Director

State Membership Director

Brother Knights, we have just passed the five (5) month point of the Columbian year and have had a fairly successful campaign in MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT to this point. We have recruited some NEW and FORMER members in our jurisdiction and we are working towards our ultimate goal of CIRCLE OF HONOUR status. Congratulations to all the councils who have been MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE and I want to encourage all councils to recruit NEW or FORMER members especially at this time of year.

Christmas is the season for sharing and what better way of sharing than giving the gift of MEMBERSHIP in our great Order of the Knights of Columbus. Let us take the opportunity at this time of year to approach a prospect at Mass since many more people seem to attend Church during the Christmas season than any other time of year. Make an honest effort to introduce yourself to a new prospect or get re-acquainted with a friend or associate who is a former member. In both cases

these people may just be waiting to be approached and might be ready to say "yes" to an invitation to join or re-join. Take the time to "**ASK**"!

Please think about the benefits your council will gain by recruiting NEW or FORMER members, such as more help with programs and activities in your council. Be prepared to answer questions the prospect may have on what we do, benefits of membership and ensure that you mention our Insurance program. One more member, can and often does, make a world of difference in many ways that can improve the overall workings of a council. An infusion of new blood and new ideas should always be welcomed by all councils, especially by councils that are having problems getting enough help with programs and activities. Increasing MEMBERSHIP is also a tool to ensure succession to executive positions that are sometimes difficult to fill at annual election time. Also, you need to think about the difference that being a member of the Knights of Columbus can make in the individual's life as well as the life of his family. We all joined the Knights of Columbus for different reasons and we have stayed dedicated to the Organization for many, many years. We take pride in what we do, and we should show this pride whenever we approach a prospect to ask him to join. **Be POSITIVE** in your approach to prospects. Remember that ATTITUDE is 100%.

As I mentioned at our Winter meetings November 30—December 2, 2018, in Gander, I would like to encourage all councils to put forward a special effort between now and CHRISTMAS to invite a prospect to join the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Let's have a bit of fun with this and call this drive "A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"! Every knight should try and ask an eligible Catholic gentleman to

become a KNIGHT before Christmas. Don't wait until AFTER CHRISTMAS, do it today or tonight or as NIKE says, "JUST DO IT"!!!

On behalf of State Council, I want to thank all the attendees at the jurisdiction's Mid-year meetings in Gander, November 30-December 2, 2018 for their participation and input in our different sessions during that weekend. Overall, the sessions were well-received and very informative.

We are well on the way to reaching CIRCLE of HONOUR which can be achieved by having EVERY COUNCIL and EVERY MEMBER becoming MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE. Let's continue recruiting during December and into the New Year to have a great year in MEMBERSHIP.

On behalf of my family, I want to wish all Knights and their families in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a prosperous and safe NEW YEAR.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Membership Director

A Special Treat

By Esther Lloyd Dauber

***Blend equal parts of Faith and Hope mixed
well with Charity,
Stir in Good Will and Sweet Content and
Precious Memory,
Add Kindness, Helpfulness and Joy; of
Gratitude don't spare,
Then drop by drop Loves Essence Sweet, and
Praises freely share,***

***And don't forget such spices rare as
Laughter, Smiles and Fun,
Taste often for the best results, (Tis sweet to
mince upon),
Now add a Thankful Heart and then, the
recipe's complete,
Your "Merry Christmas" all will like... so try
the season's treat.***



Special Olympics

Brothers: 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of Special Olympics in Canada. Currently there are 5,169,489 athletes worldwide who have competed in 103,540 competitions. As you are aware, the Knights of Columbus is a major supporter of Special Olympics and with this being the 50th anniversary all councils are urged to make a special effort to support their local chapters during this fraternal year. This can be done in a variety of ways including hosting special events in your local chapters honor.

If your council plans to host any events or has already done so, please submit a short report describing the events, the person hours involved, and the dollar value associated with it.

Fraternally
Dave Delaney
Special Olympic Chairman

Financial Secretaries Training Corner

This has been a busy Fall with Financial Secretary Training sessions, workshops and one on one sessions and phone calls. Brother Paul Shallow, Financial Secretary with Ville Marie Council, Marystown came into St. John's for a session on September 14th. A session for the Central area was held in St. Alban's on September 29th with officers from St. Ignatius Council and Father Michael Hayes Council, Harbour Breton attending. The Stephenville session was held on November 3rd with attendees from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council, and Father P.J. Cooney Council.

A summary presentation was made at the mid-year meetings in Gander for the Grand Knights on December 1st. Brother John George, District Deputy, organized the St. Alban's event that was hosted by St. Ignatius Council, Kevin Organ Grand Knight.

The Stephenville session was organized and hosted by OLPH Council, Brother Bob Miller, Grand Knight. Many thanks to those who organized the sessions and the attendees who took the time from their schedules and contributed greatly with their comments and input. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

This is the time of year when the annual dues assessments are done, bills sent out and membership cards produced. Don't forget that the print on the cards will line up easier and better if you save the print file to your desktop and then print from the saved file. If you have a

problem with this, please call to get the issue resolved.

The new-year will commence in just a few weeks and what better time to start using the system for recording and reporting your council's other financial transactions, if you haven't already done so? You will find that the system is just as helpful and labor saving as the dues assessments and billing process.

As Christmas approaches let us take the time to contemplate the true meaning of the Christmas Season.

To all my brother knights and their families, I wish you a holy, joyous and blessed Christmas and a happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year. God bless!

Dennis Jones.
State Financial Secretary
Training Coordinator

Free Throw Championship

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretary
Some councils in the near future may be planning to have a Basketball Free throw Championships in their local school.

There are 'kits' which have to be ordered which have all the supplies necessary to conduct the local runoffs. If there are more than one school in one Councils area, only individual winners in the various age categories will be awarded a medal.

To get these kits the FS or GK are the only people who can order kits. There is **no charge for these kits including shipping**. However, you may be asked, or not asked, for a credit card number. You may have to supply this in order for the kits to be shipped. An independent company called WEBMASON is the company in charge of delivering the kits for Supreme. Most other supplies are shipped directly from Supreme which includes orders thru Knights On-Line like shirts etc.

They indicate that up to 4 weeks lead time is necessary so kits should be ordered now if your council is conducting this program.

Remember the Free Throw Championship is one of the programs listed under the Community featured programs and constitutes one credit of the four credits needed to complete the Community programs. Grand Knight Gerry Puddister of St. Paul's Council 11776 has mentioned that he has had great success with this program in schools in his area.

He mentioned at the Gander meeting that many Phys Ed instructors at schools are looking for programs to run during the day and find this program ideal. Direct contact with the Phys Ed instructor works best he says.

Please see the attached information from web site.

Any questions please contact or call me.

Fraternally

Gary Gallagher SA

State Program Director

Star Council Award

There are 5 requirements to achieving Star Council status

1. ***EARN THE COLUMBIAN AWARD FOR QUALITY FAITH-FILLED FAMILY PROGRAMS.***
2. ***EARN THE FATHER MCGIVNEY AWARD FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.***
3. ***EARN THE FOUNDERS' AWARD FOR INSURANCE GROWTH.***
4. ***BE COMPLIANT WITH TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.***
5. ***REMAIN CURRENT WITH ASSESSMENTS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL.***

Coats for Kids

Due to the overwhelming Canadian participation in the Coats for Kids program we have sold out of our Canadian stock for the rest of the season. In response to this demand the Knights of Columbus Supreme council is offering councils the opportunity to order their coats through Knightsgear.com. When your council receives the credit card/council statements for the coats it will be converted into Canadian funds. The Supreme council will pick up any additional fees.

Those councils that have already purchased their coats this year, I want to personally thank you for participating in the Coats for Kids program and continuing our mission to keep children warm this winter. Those councils that have yet to purchase their coats, please visit knightsgear.com. The coats are lighter, but we are offering them to you at a reduced price.

Remember, at the conclusion of the program your council must submit the *Coats for Kids Report Form*(#1067)

to fraternalmission@kofc.org to receive credit towards the Columbian Award.

If you have any questions or concerns, or more information on how to implement the program, please email fraternalmission@kofc.org or visit www.kofc.org/coats.

In 2017, there were 105,000 coats given out as part of the Coats for Kids program.



Knights of Columbus Insurance: Is there a better Recruitment Tool?

As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson constantly reminds us **“membership growth is our primary responsibility”**. Everything we do depends upon membership. We all have a responsibility to recruit.

The Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney 136 years ago had a vision that membership in our great Order should be offered to every eligible Catholic man and his family. Supreme Knight Anderson says, **“we all have a moral obligation to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus”**.

Often, we hear that there are no prospective members out there. The fact is we have a large Catholic population of males in this jurisdiction that are not members. **How do we get these Catholic men to join our Order?** we have to invite them and give them a good reason to join. When asked to join any organization, the

Knights of Columbus included, people often ask **“what’s in it for me and my family?”**

By joining the Knights of Columbus there are many fraternal benefits – scholarships, hostel fund, member/spouse medical travel fund, but probably **the greatest benefit for families is our insurance/investment program. The Knights of Columbus provides a free accidental death benefit for a member and his wife.**

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest insurance companies in North America. **It has in excess of \$100 billion of insurance in force.**

There is no more highly rated company in North America than the Knights of Columbus. It has received top ratings from rating agencies for 42 consecutive years. For the past 5 years it has been named a **“World’s Most Ethical Company”** one of only two life insurers given this distinction. The Knights of Columbus has had 16 consecutive years of sales growth.

The Knights of Columbus has great insurance/investment products. All present members and their families should be familiar with these products. When you invite a prospective member to join our Order you can point to the insurance/investment products as their reason to join.

We would never dream of driving our car without insurance, yet we do not give the same consideration to life/disability insurance on ourselves. If a car is involved in an accident it can be replaced. A life cannot.

Ask someone to join today. Remember a prospective member can also join online at kofc.org/joinus.

Why wouldn't a young family man paying mortgage insurance through a financial institution want to join the Knights of Columbus if it could put money in his pocket while at the same time protecting his family for life.

Remember when life insurance is really needed, it cannot be purchased at any price.

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

Agents:

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Brother Brian Kennedy – 709-576-8566, email jbrian.kennedy@kofc.org

Brother Maurice Lewis – 709-447-4461, email maurice.lewis@kofc.org

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

State Lottery Report

Worthy Brother Knights, during the annual winter meetings held in Gander on the weekend of November 30 to December 2, our annual Fall Ticket Sweep draw took place.

The winners of the sweep can be found on our State Council's website www.kofcnl.org This was a successful year for sales, as there was an overall increase in all three regions.

Below is a breakdown of sales.

REGION 2018 2017 DIFFERENCES

Eastern	(31,324)	(30, 973)	+351
Central	(20,623)	(19,740)	+883
Western / Labrador	(31,524)	(26,674)	+4850
Totals	(83,471)	(77,387)	+6084

State Council's Share – \$41,735.50. Local Council's Share - \$41,735.50

Also, from this ticket sale is the funds for the Janeway Hostel Fund and the Member Medical Travel fund which this year came to \$17,500.00

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus State Lottery Committee, John Thoms, Eugene Hurley, Dave Delaney and myself, Jerry Barker, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jerry Barker
State Lottery Chairman

Thank you

We would like to thank Fr. Francis Jackman Council # 9303 for their help and support of our son Damian.

Damian is 20 months old and has a twin sister Rebecca. Damian was born with severe club feet and at 2 days old was placed in a cast to try and correct this.

For almost 1 year he has been placed in many different shapes of casts and special boots and bars limiting his ability to do what comes natural for other children his age.

Since that time, he has undergone 3 major surgeries including releases and pins in his heels

to try and correct his feet and attend Physio twice a week.

He is now required to wear AFO'S (Ankle-Foot-Orthosis) to support and position his feet correctly, he is on his second set of ATO'S.

As he grows, he will need more surgeries, AFO'S and physio to learn to walk.

Since we have no Medical Coverage, and this is not covered by our Health Care System, it has become financially draining and stressful on our family.

With the help and support of Fr. Francis Jackman Council #9303 of \$1600.00 they have relieved some of the financial stress.

On behalf of Joyce (Breen) Fabian Mooney, Rebecca, and the amazing little man Damian Thank you

L-R, Len Furlong GK, Joyce Breen, Damian, Steve Dalton DGK



Dalton Council/Assembly

How many Councils and Assemblies today can say that they attended and held an Honor Guard

at their namesake's burial when he died 149 years ago? Dalton Council #1448 and Dalton Assembly #1645 can.

Their namesake, Bishop John Dalton was born in Thurles, County Tipperary, in 1821. In 1839 he left Ireland for Newfoundland, where his uncle, Charles Dalton, O.S.F., a Friar Minor, was serving as the parish priest of Immaculate Conception Parish in Harbour Grace. The following year, John entered the Franciscan Order and was sent to study at St. Isidore's College in Rome, the seminary of the Irish friars of the Order. He was ordained a Catholic priest there in 1846.

Bishop Dalton returned to Newfoundland that same year. He was assigned as a curate by Michael Anthony Fleming, O.S.F., the Vicar Apostolic of Newfoundland, to assist his uncle by caring for the congregation of St. Patrick's Parish in Carbonear. When Charles Dalton was later transferred to Harbour Grace, John became parish priest in Carbonear.

In early 1856, the Diocese of St. John's, Newfoundland, was divided by the Holy See to form the new Diocese of Harbour Grace, and Bishop Dalton was appointed by Pope Pius IX on February 29 as its first bishop. He was ordained a bishop on May 25 of that year by John Thomas Mullock, O.F.M. Bishop of St. John's.

For the first few years Bishop Dalton continued to live in Carbonear but, following the death of his uncle, he moved in 1860 to the rectory in Harbour Grace. He spent the rest of his

administration working to establish the structures of the diocese, including commencement of the construction of a cathedral for his diocese. He was also active in the local politics of the province. One of his first acts as bishop had been to ordain a native of Newfoundland as a priest.

Bishop Dalton died in his post in 1869. His remains were interred under the main altar of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, built in 1892.

On September 14, 2018 Dalton Council and Dalton Assembly participated in another episode of Immaculate Conception Cathedral's history with the exhumation of Bishop Dalton, along with the Donnelly family from the crypt and burial in the Harbour Grace Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Upon the announcement to the Immaculate Conception parishioners on Sunday 9 September that the remains of Bishop Dalton and the Donnelly Family would be exhumed and relocated in the cemetery, members of both Dalton Council and Dalton Assembly reacted promptly to ensure that the proper respects be paid to their namesake.

Sir Knight Aiden Moriarty quickly advised Faithful Navigator Paul Baldwin, and both set in motion the wheels to get the Honor Guard and Council involved. Faithful Master Derm Whalen was advised and was instrumental in getting the word to other Assemblies.

Neighboring Monsignor McCarthy Council quickly came on board with Dalton Council and provided 3rd Degree members to help and provide pallbearers. Cabot Assembly and Monsignor Rawlins Assembly augmented Dalton Assembly 4th Degree Honor Guard ensuring a proper guard for such a historic occasion. Bishop Daniels, Bishop of Grand Falls celebrated the burial of the Donnelly Family and Bishop Dalton. There were numerous priests present from the diocese aiding Bishop Daniels.

Upon completion of the burials, Dalton Council hosted all to food and refreshments. A great way to end a historic day of the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador.





Special Occasions 8640

First Communicants recognized by Msgr. Wm. Williams Council

It was a special day for five young children who received the Sacrament of Eucharist in Sacred Heart Church, Open Hall for the first time on Father's Day.

Msgr. Wm. Williams Council #8640 recognized the special occasion by presenting each child with a gift certificate. Making the presentation was Grand Knight Tom Lane, seen in the photo with the communicants and parish priest Father David Quaning.

Three members of Msgr. Williams Council #8640, and their wives reached a special milestone this year, as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Brother Ron and Daphne Murphy of Port Rexton celebrated the event on July 6, Brother John and Anne Connors of Open Hall were married 50 years on August 21, and Brother Victor and Shirley Mahoney of Stock Cove were married 50 years on October 12.

On Sunday December 9, Msgr. Wm. Williams Council held its annual seniors Christmas party. Members of the Council cooked and served a hot roast beef dinner to 60 seniors of the area. A dinner was also delivered to some who could not make it. Three local singers also provided entertainment during the day. The dinner took place at our Council home.



Holy Spirit Council

Canadian International Dental Foundation; Formed by Newfoundland Dentists in an effort to help the people of Haiti after the earthquake of 2010. (It is not connected with Doctors without Borders or Broken Earth.) It is a registered charity.

CIDF's aim is to provide free dentistry to the needy people of Haiti. The CIDF carry their dental service to the local people in their own living environment. It looks to donations to enable the Foundation to buy equipment needed, eg: sterilizers, instruments.

As Grand Knight of Holy Spirit Council 6792, I wish to advise all councils that (Doctor)Brother Adrian and his fellow Newfoundland Dentists are in the new year, returning to Haiti (**January 3 - Jan 12, 2019**) to provide dentistry to the people of this impoverished nation.



Attention

Changes have been made to most Supreme reporting forms. Please visit the Supreme website at www.kofc.org and check out the new forms.

Keep Christ in Christmas For Students

In 2017 Past Grand Knight Robert Smith of St Paul's K of C council 11776 in St John's, NL Canada had a vision of a speech contest with the topic of "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" for the students of St Bonaventure College (SBC) Roman Catholic School also in St. John's, NL Canada.

Through discussions in 2018 between present Grand Knight of St Paul's council Gerry Puddister and Vice Principal of SBC David Martino it was decided that students from grades 7 to 9 would participate in this contest.

David coordinated and provided the guidelines for judging the contest as well as the logistics for this inaugural contest. The judges for this contest were the following officers of St Paul's K of C council 11776: Worthy Grand Knight Gerry Puddister, Worthy Treasurer Bernard Madden and Worthy Recorder Peter Whittle.

This contest took place on November 15, 2018 at SBC school. There were 17 participants. All speeches were very well written and presented. It was obvious that each participant put a lot of thought into the topic of Keeping Christ in Christmas.

The judges had the tough task to determine the top three places.

They were the following:

- 1st - Elizabeth Ormsby
- 2nd- Ashlyn Miller
- 3rd- Cecilia Martino

Each of the top three speeches were very strong on content and very thought provoking. Also, each was very well presented. Each speech could be a story to itself.

We at St Paul's K of C Council are proud to have this partnership with the staff and students of SBC and the opportunity to challenge our youth on their thoughts about Keeping Christ in Christmas in the way of a public speech contest.

Thank you to all who had a part in this very worthwhile event which will now be an annual event for years to come.

In picture attached from left to right is: David Martino, Cecilia Martino, Ashlynn Miller, Elizabeth Ormsby, Gerry Puddister, Peter Whittle, Bernard Madden and President of SBC Tom McGrath. Picture in SBC foyer with new plaque donated by St Paul's council.

Thank you.

Worthy Grand Knight.
Gerry Puddister
St Pauls council 11776



A Song was heard on Christmas Day

A song was heard at
Christmas
To wake the midnight sky
A Saviors birth, and peace
On earth
And praise to God on high
The Angels sang at
Christmas
With all the host above
And still we sing the
New born King
His Glory and his Love
By Timothy Dudley Smith

Editors notes

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights. I would like to thank all contributors for this edition of the Knightly News. Your submissions certainly make my job much easier. On behalf of my wife Debbie and myself, we would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year

Fraternally
Bob Miller
Knightly News Editor

