



# Knighly News

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## State Deputy's Message

Brothers, we are nearing the mid-way point of this Columbian year and we have seen many of our councils getting back to holding meetings and running their programs effectively as they did before COVID brought matters to a halt. There are many positive signs that we are moving forward with programs and recruiting new

the time to speak to these people and invite them to join or to consider rejoining the Knights of Columbus.

I want to thank all the councils that participated in the Affiliate Membership Initiative and I encourage you to move forward with finding new members to replace those who are now

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members. At the present time, we have reached approximately 40% of our goal in membership. There are a couple of exemplifications planned to take place before the end of December and with the Christmas season upon us, I want to urge all our members to keep an eye out for prospects who may be attending church at this time of year. These may be new prospects or former members of our councils. Please take

in the Affiliate category.

On behalf of State Council, thank you to all the councils who supported the fundraising effort for the Fiona Disaster Fund in support of residents of the Southwest Coast and Port aux Basques. On October 18, 2022, I, with DD Clyde Russell and 6 members of Father P.J. Cooney Council # 9789 in the Codroy Valley, presented a cheque to the

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Canadian Red Cross for over \$15,000.00 and we presented 2 cheques of \$500.00 each to 2 needy families that were identified as in need of immediate assistance. The Federal government matched the \$15,000.00 as well, to make the total \$30,000.00. This was made possible from donations to the relief effort through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus from Newfoundland and Labrador State Council, Subordinate Councils and Supreme office. A list of subordinate councils who donated will be made available later since we are still receiving monies as this message is being written. Later this week, I will be making another presentation, on behalf of our jurisdiction and Supreme, of more than \$13000.00 to this effort in time for Christmas. This has been a great humanitarian effort by all concerned.

Our jurisdiction held our mid-year meetings in Gander on December 2-4, 2022 where training took place for all participants and a number of presentations were made by members of the State Councils, District Deputies, State Appointed Personnel and Supreme Representative Alain Cayer. There were a number of Grand Knights who attend the meetings at their own councils' expense. All the sessions were very informative and well-received by the participants. All the participants were given the opportunity to have their say in the meetings and a great deal of fraternity and fellowship was shared throughout the weekend. This was witnessed with the "Screeching in" of Brother Alain Cayer as an Honorary Newfoundlander and Labradorian!!

In closing, I want to thank all councils that have been

recruitment active and to encourage those councils that have not recruited any new members to please follow suit. Any new members will help ensure the future success of your council in continuing the good works well into future.

On behalf of State Council and my family, I want to wish all my Brother Knights a joyous, healthy, and prayerful Christmas.

Vivat Jesus!

**Fraternally,  
Pat Gambin  
State Deputy**



### **Message from State Chaplain**

As we prepare to celebrate the beauty of God becoming man in the flesh as the Christ child, this Christmas we reflect on the past year. Some of us have had great joyous occasions - the celebration of a Christian marriage, the birth of a new child, the warmth of a new home, or a new job, while some of us have encountered

sickness, the loss of a loved, or a broken relationship. In the midst of our lives, we take time to reflect on the God who desperately loves us; the God who becomes one with us in the flesh, especially in the gift of the Eucharist. We rejoice that God desires to be with us at all times and at every point of our lives no matter what's

going on. Jesus wants to break into our lives to bring us Love, Joy & Peace. He desires to uphold and sustain us, strengthening us with His presence along life's journey. This Holy Season, may you and I strive to look upon the baby Jesus in the crib, allowing the warmth of His light and love to flood our

hearts with gifts of peace and hope, as we share our struggles and blessings with each other and with Emmanuel.

"God is with us"

Peace & Love,  
Fr. Jeff

### Message from State Secretary

Greetings to all Knights as we complete the first half of this Columbian year. Most councils have great programs running benefiting many communities around the province. Food banks and Coats for Kids are two of my favourite charities with many councils participating in these great programs. Congratulations to all councils who have welcomed new members especially Terra Nova Council 1452 who have added many new members, as well to the many other councils who have added new members as well. We still have a ways to go to meet our jurisdictions annual quota but I'm sure we can do it.

Our spring convention is currently planned to be held in St. John's for April 28th - 30<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve these dates. More information on the convention will follow. Our State 50/50 tickets have now been distributed. This ticket draw is very popular

and generates much needed funds for your councils. Please remember to submit your Council and District forms. And finally, on behalf of my wife Sheila and I may you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. All the best!

Fraternally,  
Gary Gallagher  
State Secretary

### Message from State Treasurer

My Brother Knights:

It was great to see many of you at our recent Mid-Year Meetings in Gander. The reports from the District Deputies confirm that councils are getting back to pre-pandemic activities and that is great news to our parishes.

As State Treasurer, I want to thank all the councils and Brother Knights who made our State Fall Sweepstakes a success. These funds ensure that both the State and your councils can continue our works of charity. I encourage all councils to participate in the State 50/50 draw again this year. The 50/50 ticket is a good "stocking stuffer". Thanks to Brother Jerry Barker and his Lottery committee for all the work they do for our Order.

Without your council support with these fundraisers, the State Council could not provide the five annual State Scholarships (\$5000 total) or the four annual Jubilee Scholarships (\$2000 Total).

This fall, the Town of Port aux Basques and surrounding area was devastated by Post Tropical Storm Fiona. All levels of the Order answered the call for assistance: Supreme, State and Council. With Supreme and Council donations the Order was able to donate over \$30,000 to the relief effort. That, Brother Knights, is what we do and what Father McGivney intended.

While the Order continues to do works of Charity for our communities and our parishes, 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 has extended its offer for a free 12 month membership online.

The State Executive continues to support each council and feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions you may have. The State Secretary will be soon sending out the second half year assessments and I encourage each council to action as soon as they can.

2023 will be an exciting year for the Order in Newfoundland and Labrador, a relic of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, will be touring the province. We will be the first province to have that honour. Your State Warden, Brother Darrel Long is Chair of that project and more news will be coming.

Many of you will have family home this Christmas that you have not seen in a while. Treasure the memories that you will make. My wife Christine and I wish you and your families a very blessed and safe Christmas

Vivat Jesus!

**Paul R. Baldwin**  
**State Treasurer**

### **Message from State Advocate**

Dear Brother Knights,

Christmas Greetings to you and your families!

As we draw closer to the Christmas celebrations, let's keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas. For us as Christian people, let's celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

As your State Advocate, I am responsible to pass on and oversee legal matters of the Order, those that are received

from the Office of the Supreme Advocate and legal questions that come forward by councils.

One of my responsibilities is to make sure the importance of every council to participate in the Safe Environment Compliance Program. Brothers, this year, most are having a failing grade in being fully compliant, and not just our jurisdiction.

Our jurisdiction must ensure that the councils complete the required training and that the appropriate council personal are compliant. Those personal are as follows: Grand Knights, Program Directors, Community Directors, and Family Directors. In fact, any member of a Council can complete this training.

Please don't forget as this is a requirement for the Star Council Award.

In the New Year, I will be sending out a notice for resolutions for our spring convention and explaining how to write a resolution plus other information.

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

**Brendan Vickers**  
**State Advocate**

### **Message from State Warden**

Brother Knights:

Our mid-year meetings occurred the weekend of December 2 - 4 in Gander at the Albatross Hotel with approximately forty (40) participants. It was good to see our fellow Grand Knights, District Deputies, State Appointed Personnel, and the State Executive continuing to work for the good of the order as we prepare for 2023. By now, our council programs are well underway and I'm sure all have checked with our pastors reminding them we are the Lord's visible arm, here to help as Christmas rapidly approaches. Remember, the Supreme website, [kofc.org/fiaresources](http://kofc.org/fiaresources) provides a list of all the resources available.

Some recommended programs to plan for now:

- Faith – Pilgrim Icon: St. Joseph, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection, Holy Hour.
- Family – Keep Christ in Christmas, Light up for Christ, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family of the Month, Food for Families.

· Community – Coats for Kids, Free Throw Championship, Food Drives (needed more than ever), Baby Drive, Leave No Neighbor Behind.

· Life – Novena for Life, Special Olympics, Blood drives/donations.

· All the key resources for planning and success of Faith in Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind programs are on the Supreme website – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html#resources> or [www.kofc.org/formembers](http://www.kofc.org/formembers).

Members should also be cataloguing their good works in their Form #10784 – Fraternal Programs Report Form for adjudication in the New Year and awards at our April 2023 meetings. · Form #10784 is available online at <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html#resources>.

· Supreme requires a Fraternal Programs Report Form for each program a council completes. These are very easy to complete and I and the program directors are here to assist.

The Father Michael McGivney Relic will tour the Province, March 15th, 2023 until our midyear meetings Dec 1-3, 2023. An itinerary will be put out soon. I am drafting a schedule and I will be asking the District Deputies to work

with their Grand Knights and Pastors coordinate its circulation province wide. This is a great honour for our order. In all my years, I've noticed that there are none more dedicated to the order than our knights. Spread the word! There are 9 relics and only 1 has been outside of the United States, to Poland. This relic will now come to Canada, here. I ask all to pray the Father McGivney nine-day Novena, at least once before March, that we may make this a great success for our order and work towards the beatification of our Blessed Founder. There are 189 countries where the order exists; this could be the start of something great. Father McGivney's vocation as priest reminds us of our roles as Catholics and family men. As we move into the celebration of Advent, let us make room in our hearts for the Christ child whom our founder had placed first in his heart, a model for us all. This Advent, let us all remember to take some quiet time to reflect on the gifts we have received in life and most importantly the gifts of our families. Let's continue on the mission accepted by our founder, to seek new ways to serve Christ and to see him present in all the people we meet. That He is the God of the living. On behalf of my wife and family, may you have a safe and joyous Christmas and a

Happy New Year! Vivat Jesus!

**Darrell Long**  
**State Warden**  
**State Program Director**

### **Message from** **Immediate Past State** **Deputy**

Brothers, we are well into the Advent Season and Christmas, which marks the birth of the Christ child, one of the most sacred holidays of Christianity, is not far off.

Christians everywhere are completing plans to celebrate this most sacred day, some under more dire circumstances than many of us. As we come together this Christmas Season, I would ask each of you, and your families to keep the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers.

Joyful music, special liturgies, gifts, festive foods are all characteristic of Christmas, but the Ukrainian people won't be taking part in many events like those. They'll be facing bombs and bullets as the war in that country continues, and the people struggle to survive.

Christmas can and should be a time of healing and renewed strength, but it's also a time to party, and to celebrate with

family and friends. Brothers, December 25th is more than just a time to party. As we gather this holiday season, reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, and celebrate God's ultimate gift to us, the birth of his Son, Jesus.

I would also ask you to consider the needs and plight of others in this world, those who are struggling to make it through each day, for whatever reason, war, poverty, floods, crime, and economic hardships just to name a few

Many of you, through your councils and some on your own, are doing extra volunteer work and are donating to worthy local causes at this time of year. if you can find it in your hearts, and your pocketbooks, please extend that volunteer work and donations outward to try to reach those in the most desperate need.

This is my last Christmas message as a member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Knights of Columbus State Council, as my term of office with the State Board is finished at the end of June, so Brothers, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you, and your families, a Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. May you and your family stay safe and enjoy this

Blessed and Holy Season of Christ's birth.

**Gordon Lannon**  
**Immediate Past State Deputy**

**Message from**  
**District Deputy #3**

Worthy State Deputy, State Board, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Brother Knights,

District # 3 consists of Fr. John B. Kent council 6638, Mary Queen of Peace Council, 7405 and St Pauls Council 11776.

The councils in my district have been continuing their Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy. These programs incorporate all four programme areas of Faith, Community, Family and Life.

Councils have been providing financial support to their Parishes and spiritual guidance by participating in various ministries in their churches. Councils

participated in the Coats for Kids program and a Toiletry Drive for the Gathering Place to support the community. In the Family Program, councils have set up Nativity scenes, erected Keep Christ in Christmas signs and participated in the St John's Christmas Parade with a Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Float. Councils continue to support the Food for Families Program by participating and

running food banks. Regarding to the Life Program Councils participated in a major fundraiser for the Centre for Life raising almost \$6000. They also participated in the Fall Festival of Friends by obtaining products and being involved in the online auction.

Fraternally  
Ray Bonia  
District Deputy # 3

**Message from**  
**District Deputy #5**

The Councils that I visit and with whom I communicate in District 5 are 6672 Dean Patrick Cleary, 13320 St. Mary's, and 6494 St. Anne's. They are presently having difficulty electing an executive. Brothers, please keep them in your prayers, some of the members are still active in their communities also their churches. Councils 6672 and 13320 are active in church and community, assisting wherever we are asked to, especially in our church and schools.

Sometimes it may seem overwhelming, but we continue to do the best we can by the means that we have to accomplish it. I am sure if you read The Columbia magazine for December, you were inspired. The editor wrote we

are in a Spiritual Battlefield caused by our enemies, but reminds us that we pray for them and also love them. It begs the question how, the Supreme Knight shared with us through the power of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT. Our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori shared what he witnessed in Poland and Ukraine. His Brother Priests and Brother Knights demonstrated courage. They were ministering amid the conditions of war. Cardinal Timothy Dolan shared together in solidarity, we are soldiers, we are Knights of Columbus. We are the right arm of the Catholic Church. Our ammunition is the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which are Prayer, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of God, summed up through Love "HOW"

On Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, K of C NL held midyear meetings in Gander. During the meetings, the topic of Evangelization was shared. This is a gift that we can use now. In the past two years, we have encountered some difficult times spiritually and physically. In March of 2022, a spiritual retreat leader held a men's retreat at the Basilica in St. John's, inviting men from across the Archdiocese, with 30 men attending, Archbishop

Peter Hundt celebrated mass retreat, spiritual talks by Fr. John Sullivan, Fr. James Fleming, Andrew Montes, and also the host speaker D'arcy Murphy. We also celebrated Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A home cooked meal and small group share, and then finished with a summation of the activities of the day. When I and others left that day, we felt spiritually refreshed. In closing may the Gifts of Love, Joy, and Peace be welcomed into our homes and communities this Christmas!

**Dave Kenney**  
**District Deputy #5**

### **Message from** **District Deputy #9**

Greetings to my Brother Knights:

It is truly an honour to serve as District Deputy # 9 since July 2022. It is truly remarkable to see the amount of work and passion that each Brother in all councils bring as we all encourage each other to persevere for the greater good of the Knights of Columbus.

As we are nearing the completion of the first half of the Columbian year, the three councils in the district are very busy preparing for their upcoming Christmas season.

The District is comprised of Archbishop Howley 2581 in Corner Brook, Archbishop Neil McNeil 8555 in Pasadena and Monsignor Brennan 8749 in Deer Lake.

Each council is busy in regards to monthly meetings, fundraising, and discussing various projects in order to promote Faith, Family, Community, and Life programs in the area.

During the Christmas season, remember to rejoice at the miracle of the gift of Jesus. May the love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, surround you and protect you and your family.

Please take a moment to remember and pray for our Brother Knights and their families who are unwell , recovering from an illness ,as well as the deceased brother Knights and members of their families who have passed away.

On behalf of myself, my wife Berdina, daughter Sarah, son Christian and his wife Brittany, we wish you and your families a happy and Joyous Christmas. We also wish you all a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Fraternally,  
**Michael Connolly**  
**District Deputy #9**

**Message from  
Districty Deputy #10**

On 18 October, State Deputy Brother Pat Gambin and I travelled to Port aux Basques to donate to those affected by tropical storm Fiona. Once there, we met with Brother Knights from P.J. Cooney Council 9789 and representatives from the Canadian Red Cross. A first hand tour of the damaged area certainly brought home the devastation caused by this storm more than any news coverage ever could. Later in the day, the State Deputy presented a cheque for \$15,000.00 to the Canadian Red Cross which would be matched in funds by the federal government. As well, Brother Pat also had the opportunity to present two donations of \$500.00 each to two families in need. The families were greatly appreciative and several tears were shed.

Overall, this was a great day to be a Knights of Columbus member and our State Deputy is to be applauded on his initiative to go to Port aux Basques and provide some relief to the people on the ground most affected by this disaster. Another visit is planned for December where an additional \$13,000.00 will be presented to the Salvation Army to help the people of

the South West Coast as winter sets in.

Clyde Russell  
District Deputy # 10



**Message from  
Districty Deputy #11**

I was in Labrador City to meet with the Grand Knights and councils in Lab City and Wabush. I brought the picture of St. Joseph and prayer books

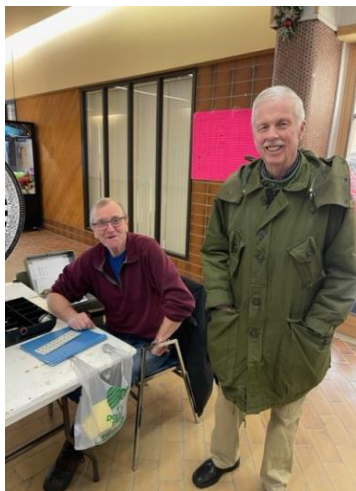
for both councils to have to conduct prayer services. I had asked Grand Knight John Penney to mail both back to IPSD Gord Lannon once the councils are finished their prayer services. Our council had a service with our parish priest after mass on Sunday last of November. We had member Knights and their families stay behind as we had a prayer service and adoration to St. Joseph. I thank IPSD Gord for his cooperation in organizing this opportunity for us to have the picture of St. Joseph and our priest was very impressed with us honouring St. Joseph.



I also had the pleasure of attending bingo with Brother Knights at Dr. Whalen Council at the



O'Brien Centre and their turkey raffles at the mall in Lab City. I also had the privilege of talking to Brother Knights from Michael Hickey Council from Wabush, selling turkey raffles at the IGA grocery store. Both councils are very busy during this Christmas season and are getting ready to hold suppers for the seniors. I was glad to see both councils conducting these activities. I was very impressed with the few volunteers that each council are able to get out in putting off these much needed functions in each community.



I and Brother Knights have been Keeping Christ in Christmas by erecting a crib in front of their church and displaying the Nativity scene. During the first week of December, they had the Light up for Christ and have been doing so each year for the last 50 years with thanks to my dedicated brother members. This year, we put this crib up in memory of Brother Knights Raymond Molloy and Dennis Mahoney, and in memory of all Brother Knights who have departed over the last number of years, who for many years, participated in erecting this same crib each Christmas season.



All councils in Labrador are slowly coming out of the Covid pandemic but things have certainly changed as all councils have lost members due to deaths and struggling to get new members to join, but the Brother Knights who are active continue to support their parish priest and their communities and this is especially true during this Christmas season. I wish all my brother knights and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I thank all my brother knights in Labrador for the great works

of charity they show each and every year

Thank you to my Brother Knights for their continued dedication to our church and community!

**Donald White**  
**District Deputy # 11**

### **Message from State** **Membership Director**

We finished the Mid-Year meetings in Gander last weekend. The main agenda item was Membership Growth. This year our jurisdiction has a membership quota of 105 new/former members. With every member pulling in the right direction we can easily achieve that quota before the State Convention in late April. To date we have approximately 37 new members. This jurisdiction has an extensive list of 2840 former members, many waiting to be asked to come back. A list of Former members will be sent to District Deputies and Grand Knights early in the new year. We have to add members to ensure the great work done by those who have gone before us continues.

We have to let young families know the great fraternal benefits the Knights of Columbus can offer their families. I am convinced that

by doing this we will be successful at recruiting new/former members. My services are readily available for any help I can provide in assisting with recruitment efforts.

We have a list of recruitment incentives for any and all members who recruit a new or former member(s). (See attached list).

#### **2022-2023 Membership Recruitment Incentives:**

1) All proposers from July 1 to August 31, 2022 entered in a draw for \$100.

2) The Fraternal Year will be divided into 4 quarters—(July, Aug., September) (Oct., Nov., Dec.), (Jan., Feb., March), (April, May, June). For each quarter a draw for \$100 will be held for

a) Proposers---name entered for every member proposed

b) Grand Knights----name entered for each member recruited in his council

c) District Deputies---name entered for each member recruited in his district

3) Any proposer recruiting 10 new/former members receives \$100.

4) Grand Knight of a Star Council receives \$100.

5) District Deputy of a Star District receives \$100.

Brothers, our quota this year is 105 new/former members. We can reach this quota if everyone pulls in the same direction. In June we recruited 15 members. This shows incentives work, but we all have a responsibility to let the rank and file membership know that these incentives are available.

For July and August recruitment, Bro. Alton Whelan, Archbishop Howley Council #2581 in Corner Brook was the winner of \$100 for his recruitment efforts.

For the first quarter, July, August, September, the winners of \$100 for their recruitment efforts were:

Recruiter---Bro. Wayne Furlong, Terra Nova Council #1452, St. John's

Grand Knight--- Bro. Wayne Furlong, Terra Nova Council #1452, St. John's

District Deputy---Bro John Barry, District Deputy #2

Every member in our jurisdiction should know about these incentives and be given the chance to win \$100.

**Maurice Lewis**  
**State Membership Director**

## **Message from State Community Director**

As we celebrate the Blessed Christmas Season, a Christian Christmas is first and foremost for us. We are celebrating the birth of the Christ Child.

This year for the first time since the outbreak of Covid-19 we are planning the Basketball Competition. Councils are asked to have their council competitions completed by January 31, 2023 and the district deputies have the district competitions completed by the end of February, 2023. The four regional co-ordinators are in place:

**Ray Bonia Districts 1, 2, 3**

**Des McCarthy Districts 4, 5**

**John Thoms Districts 6, 7, 8**

**Clyde Russell Districts 9, 10**

The tentative date for the State Competition is March 25, 2023.

Don't forget the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. The posters are due February 15, 2023.

From my family to your's, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,  
**John Thoms**  
State Community Director

## **Message from State Family Director**

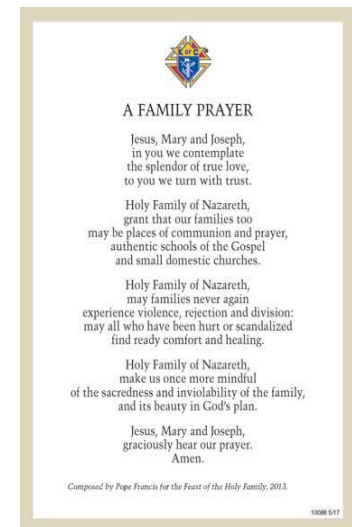
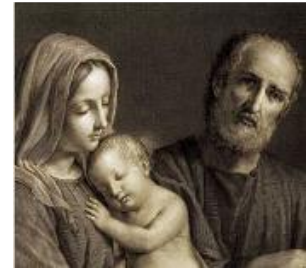
Worthy State Deputy, State Board, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Brother Knights, councils in the province have been participating in various family activities throughout the Columbian Year. The most popular have been the Food for Families program, Family of the Month and Keep Christ in Christmas activities.

I encourage councils to engage their members in other programmes such as Family Fully Alive, Family Week, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Prayer Night and Good Family Family Promotion. All the information required to run these programs can be found on the Supreme website:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab2>.

Councils may say that these programs are too large for small councils. You can do programs such as Mothers and Fathers Day Promotions or a Prayer Card program. Just pass out Holy Family Prayer cards 10086E - Prayer Card: Family - English available from Supreme. Just pass them out at the

beginning of mass and ask Father to read the prayer at the end of mass.



Brother Knights families are the backbone of the Knights of Columbus. In 1882 Fr. McGivney started the Knights of Columbus as a way of supporting the widows and orphans of the parish.

Our organization can only survive with the support of our families. Therefore we need to dedicate time and effort into programs that support our families.

Vivat Jesus!

**Ray Bonia**  
State Family Director

## **Message from Fourth Degree Master**

*“Religiously Devoted,  
Patriotically Proud.”*

The Patriotic Degree reminds us of our duty to God and country.

As we approach the midway point of this fraternal year, I would like to thank all Sir Knights in the province for the way in which they are contributing to the principle of Patriotism and promoting Catholic citizenship.

Most assemblies have installed their officers for the current year, and are concentrating on conducting viable patriotic programs for the benefit of their members. Members have been participating in parades on July 1st and at Remembrance Day commemorations, reaching out to veterans and active military, providing Honor Guards at priests' ordination anniversaries, other religious celebrations, and other civic events. And

## **Lottery Report**

This year there was a total of 62,579 tickets sold province wide. A breakdown of sales region by region is as follows:

individual assemblies are promoting and nurturing the spirit of patriotism in their members and the community at large in various unique ways.

While we have had only one exemplification so far, Navigators are asked to promote membership recruitment in their assemblies and hopefully we will have a couple of exemplifications in the second half of this fraternal year. Navigators and all Sir Knights are always there to welcome more Knights into the Fourth Degree. The often recited phrase, “Every Catholic man should be a Knight”, ought to be extended to “Every Third Degree Knight should join the Fourth Degree Knighthood” – the final level of our Order. Fourth Degree Knights don't cease to be Third Degree Knights; on the contrary, the Fourth Degree contributes to the solidarity of the order, makes it known to the general public and encourages us to live and act as true Catholic gentlemen, proud of our faith

**Eastern Region, Zone “A”  
26,887**

**Central Region, Zone “B”  
14,881**

**Western / Labrador Region,  
Zone “C” 20,811**

and our Knights of Columbus Organization.

As NL District Master, I would like to thank the NL State Council for their support of the Fourth Degree, and in particular State Deputy Patrick Gambin. Sir Knight Patrick is always there to talk about the Fourth Degree, and on each of my three visits to Bishop O'Reilly Assembly in Corner Brook, the State Deputy was there in attendance as an assembly member. Dedication such as this, aids in the overall success of our assemblies.

As we journey through the Advent Season, may it be for all of us, a time of joyful expectation, a time of hope, and a time for love as we await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. And may all members of our Knights of Columbus family have a blessed and merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus!

**Gerald Butt  
Fourth Degree Master**

From these ticket sales, \$31,289.50 was paid out to councils and \$31,289.50 went to State Council. From State Council's share, the prizes and all expenses are paid out.

**Jerry Barker  
State Lottery Chair**

**Knights of Columbus Newfoundland and Labrador  
2022 Fall Ticket Sweep Winners**

Draw	Prize	Winning Ticket #	Name of Winner	Community
=====	=====	=====	Eastern Region	Zone "A"
1	\$ 4,500.00	4875	Chris Hickey	Bell Island
Seller	\$ 300.00		Dave Hickey	Bell Island
2	\$ 500.00	10576	Careen Family	Witless Bay
3	\$ 200.00	28630	E. Nash	St. John's
	Winning	Tickets	Drawn By = Patrick Gambin	State Deputy
Draw	Prize	Winning Ticket #	Name of Winner	Community
=====	=====	=====	Central Region	Zone "B"
1	\$ 4,500.00	19525	Mary Kelly	Head Bay d' Espoir
Seller	\$ 300.00		Kevin Organ	
2	\$ 500.00	18480	Colleen Lee	Milltown
3	\$ 200.00	18358	Norma Kendell	Morrisville
	Winning	Tickets	Drawn By = Fr. Jeff Kolonel	State Chaplain
Draw	Prize	Winning Ticket #	Name of Winner	Community
=====	=====	=====	Western / Labrador	Zone "C"
1	\$ 4,500.00	11497	Stephen McDonald	Stephenville
Seller	\$ 300.00		Stephen McDonald	Stephenville
2	\$ 500.00	14890	Mario Carroll	
3	\$ 200.00	19633	Pat George	
	Winning	Tickets	Drawn By = Alain Cayer	Supreme Rep.
All tickets were drawn on December 3, 2022 at Quality Hotel & Suites, Gander				

## **Rosary and Light Procession**

Friday, October 7, 2022 marked a milestone for the annual Knights of Columbus Rosary and Light Procession in St. John's. On that date, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, this wonderful celebration was held for the 20th time. The basilica has been its home for 18 of those years while on two occasions it was moved outdoors to the nearby St. Bonaventure's school campus.

This year some of the Covid restrictions were lifted so we welcomed back a number of elements that have been missing for the past couple of years. These included the candlelight procession around the church, the colour party and the much appreciated reception. Regarding the reception a big thank you goes to the Terra Nova Council for donating the sandwiches and cookies.

We were so pleased that Archbishop Hundt agreed to deliver the homily while Vicar General Father Cecil Critch was the presider. Father Critch also provided some valuable input as he joined Sir Knights Jim McGrath and Bill Maher to form the celebration's planning committee.

In his homily Archbishop Hundt spoke about the challenges arising from the church restructuring now underway in the St. John's Archdiocese which has caused pain and confusion among so many people who have attended church faithfully for so many years. He referred to the pain and suffering of Jesus brought forward in the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary that were recited that night.

Making up the impressive opening and closing processions were four red lighted candles carried by Sir Knights Dennis Jones, Jim Woolridge, Terry Hibbs and Bill Maher, while Sir Knight Barry Dillon held high the banner of the Blessed Virgin and the honour of carrying Father McGivney's picture was given to Sir Knight Jim Haggerty. It was very encouraging that two state officers were on hand to carry the Knights of Columbus ICON: State Secretary Gary Gallagher and State Warden Darrell Long. Four Sir Knights: District Master Gerard Butt, Commander Cletus Parsons, Derm Whelan and Steve Dray carried the flags for the colour party. They were followed by Archbishop Hundt, Father Critch and the rosary leaders Sir Knights Jim McGrath and Dave Kenny.

Father Critch said the prayers to open and close the Rosary with Sir Knights Jim McGrath and David Kenny leading the five mysteries. Adding a very spiritual atmosphere to the celebration was the music provided by Patty Fowler and the wonderful voice of Sara Broderick.

One of the moving moments came when those in the Basilica accepted the invitation to take part in a candlelight procession. An impressive number of people lit their candles as they quietly and reverently joined the orderly line while the cantor sang the Magnificat.

With Archbishop Hunt giving the final blessing the closing procession made its way down the middle aisle and back to the Marion chapel.

At the reception that followed there were many kind words about the celebration. We also received positive reaction from people who watched the live broadcast.

Before completing this item words of appreciation must be expressed to Sir Knights John Walsh and Kevin Dormody, as well as Mr. Frank Doyle who were part of the planning committee for many years but were unable to return this year.

Now let's look ahead to next year and the 21<sup>st</sup> annual

Knights of Columbus Rosary and Light Procession. It's hoped that even more Knights will attend at that time.

**Fraternally,  
Bill Maher**



## **Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners 2022**

Twenty-nine students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. There were 22 applications for the State Council Scholarships, 21 applications for the Channing Scholarship and 27 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. A total of seventy applications were received. Winners are determined using the Department of Education Honours Requirements guidelines.

Five State Scholarships at a value of \$1000 each, 1 Channing Scholarship valued at \$1000 and four Jubilee Scholarships at a value of \$500 each were awarded in 2022.

### **Channing Scholarship Winner**

*Brooke Ledevhat* is the daughter of Br. Gilles Ledevhat, Fr. John B Kent

## **Knights of Columbus Membership and Insurance**

### **“A Tool to Grow Membership”**

Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted many times that “membership growth is our primary responsibility”.

Council #6638, Mount Pearl. Brooke is attending Memorial University.

### **State Scholarship Winners**

*Luke Wadman* is the son of Br. Peter Wadman, St. Ann’s Council #6494, Dunville. Luke is attending Memorial University.

*Jillian Kitchen* is the granddaughter of Br. Luke Roberts, Conception Council #1930, Bell Island. Jillian is attending Memorial University.

*Jack White* is the grandson of Br. Leonard White (deceased), Terra Nova Council #1452, St. John’s. Jack is attending Memorial University.

*Tanaya Hickey* is the daughter of Br. Thomas Hickey, Fr. Michael Hayes Council #7127, Harbour Breton. Tanaya is attending Memorial University.

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

*Sophie McGrath* is the daughter of Br. Joseph McGrath, Terra Nova Council #1452, St. John’s. Sophie is attending Memorial University.

### **Jubilee Scholarship Winners**

*Tia Cox* is a graduate of Bay d’Espoir Academy, St. Alban’s and is attending Memorial University.

*Katherine Kelly* is a graduate of Gonzaga High School, St. John’s and is attending Memorial University.

*Megan Fiander* is a graduate of Holy Trinity High School, Torbay and is attending Memorial University.

*William Cull-Whitten* is a graduate of St. Kevin’s High School, Goulds and is attending Memorial University

### **Maurice Lewis State Council Scholarship Director**

Columbus is to continue the great work it has done for over 113 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. (See the Member Benefits list included separately). 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 they get the first year of membership free. They can do this by going into [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and entering the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. They can also take the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Degrees (Charity, Unity, Fraternity) combined in an online exemplification or in person with their families. All prospective members and their families should be

informed of this. Maybe it can be a notice in the Church Bulletin, on your Council web page/newsletter, on face book, etc.

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 young family with a mortgage and young children will thank you for providing the information for them and allowing them to protect their family and at the same time save money.

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.

In the past few years there has been much discussion around

Long Term Care in our jurisdiction and indeed across the country. 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 seniors home. Unlike many other companies offering Long Term Care insurance, premiums paid for a Knights of Columbus Long Term Care policy can be claimed on income tax as a medical expense.

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.

Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Health, Peace and Happiness.

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."**



## Be a Knight before Christmas

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- ◆ Protect Your Family
- ◆ Inspire Others

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### **Field agents:**

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Brother Maurice Lewis – 709-447-4461, email [maurice.lewis@kofc.org](mailto:maurice.lewis@kofc.org)

Brother James Johnson -- 902-446-3150, email [jimmy.johnson@kofc.org](mailto:jimmy.johnson@kofc.org) (General Agent)

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

General Agent, Jimmy Johnson, is looking to hire Field Agents in our jurisdiction. At this time, there are 2 Field Agents covering the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador. GA Johnson will put **\$700.00** in the pocket of any person who can recommend an agent that he can contract. If you know someone who might be interested in working as a Field Agent, contact Bro. Johnson at:

[jimmy.johnson@kofc.org](mailto:jimmy.johnson@kofc.org)

## Important Due Date Reminder

Program	Required	Due Date
Soccer Challenge	State/Province Winning Entries from Score Sheet #4578	January 15th
Special Olympics	10784 Form	January 31st
Keep Christ in Christmas	State/Province Poster Winners	February 28th
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	State/Province Winning Essays	February 15th
Free Throw Championship	State/Province Winning Entries from Score Sheet #1598	May 5th

### **St. Teresa Council Report**

On behalf of the Executive of St. Teresa's Council, I want to offer a sincere 'Thank You' to all Brother Knights who assisted in any way with the Christmas Hamper distribution yesterday. Undertaken by St. Vincent de Paul, our council was proud to assist the program both monetarily and in person - I know too that there were Brothers who for various reasons could not be physically present with us yesterday but were with us in spirit and prayer - our thanks to all. Thank you to Rick Power for acknowledging our contribution.

We pay tribute to the

leadership of Rick and Bonnie, Austin and Barb, and their many companion leaders who led by service in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. We thank as well Fathers Ciro, Tony and David, and Deacon Ivan - their presence was an affirmation of how much more a hamper is than just a hamper.

What a good thing it was to witness hundreds of individuals come through our church doors to be received graciously by the three check-in desks and the fourth desk to assist the unregistered.

We were only too happy to have Council room converted to a hospitality space to provide workers a bowl of soup, a cup of coffee...

Again, thank you, Brother Knights, for your presence and contribution.

**Bon Fagan  
Grand Knight**



## **Terra Nova Council Report**

Grand Knight Wayne Furlong (centre) was the winner of the Charles O'Neil Award for Council with the highest net gain. Presenting the award is District Deputy John Barry (right) and State Warden Darrell Long (left). Congratulations Terra Nova Council 1452 on another great year.



**SPINNING WHEEL**



The Knights of Columbus on St. Clare Avenue held the first of two Christmas Raffles at the Columbus Hall Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11. All proceeds help those in need this holiday season. The second raffle will be held Sunday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. Club members will begin assembling and distributing the food hampers on Monday following the raffle. Past Grand Knight Jim McGrath gives the wheel a spin for the lucky ticket holder to enjoy a Christmas turkey, compliments of the Knights raffle. **JOE GIBBONS • THE TELEGRAM**

## **Blessed Trinity Council Report**

The newly formed Blessed Trinity Council combining Father Jackman and Holy Spirit Council led by Joe Santos and Steve Dalton held a Food Drive in support of the Food Bank today. Opportunities for recruitment were also noted and invitations issued.



## Midyear Meeting Summary

The State Council Midyear meeting took place on December 2-4, 2022 in Gander. The meetings were well attended with our State Executive, seven District Deputies, Three Program Directors and a number of Grand Knights. Br. Alain Cayer, the Territorial Growth Director for Canada, was also in attendance, as our Supreme Representative. Br. Alain is the highest ranking Knight in Canada. Meetings centered on Programs, Membership, Evangelization, and Compliance.



Photo credit goes to Br. Des McCarthy of Bell Island.

## ***15 Keys for a Successful Second Half (as presented by Br. Alain Cayer)***

- 1- Identify issues
  - a. Address them
- 2- Promote training Opportunities
  - a. Canadian Menu
  - b. In-person training
  - c. State training
- 3- Paying attention to non-recruiting councils
- 4- Importance of ethnic growth
  - a. They need their own identity. NCD opportunities.
- 5- Regular communications. Top down.
- 6- Having a positive membership attitude, driven top down.
- 7- Advantage of online membership
  - a. 13-week on-boarding
  - b. Less chances of losing them
- 8- Building relationships
  - a. G.A. and F.A.
  - b. FBN will help across the board
- 9- Importance of Safe Environment compliant.
- 10- Make sure Pastor/Father knows who we are. Have a coffee with him.
- 11- Councils adopt spiritual programs.
- 12- Success in Ukraine must motivate us to recruit.
- 13- Affiliate programs help us understand the need of retention by councils
- 14- Success will depend on your ability as DD to:
  - a. Motivate
  - b. Inspire
  - c. Teach
  - d. And train
- 15- As a DD, you have the most important role in the life of your council. Be that leader and direct them in the right direction. Every council needs to be:

***A Bright Shining Star Council Award recipient!***

## *Today in history...*

Today marks the 80th anniversary of one of the province's deadliest fires.

On the evening of December 12, 1942, hundreds of WWII soldiers and local residents gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hostel on Harvey Road for Uncle Tim's Barn Dance, a live music show that was being aired on VOXM.

Soon after 11:00 p.m., someone shouted "Fire!" and radio listeners at home were horrified to hear the chaos and screams until the broadcast suddenly went silent.

Ninety-nine people died in the conflagration, which many believed to have been caused by wartime sabotage. It was discovered that the doors opened inwards, and couldn't be opened with the crush of people against them, contributing to the high death toll.

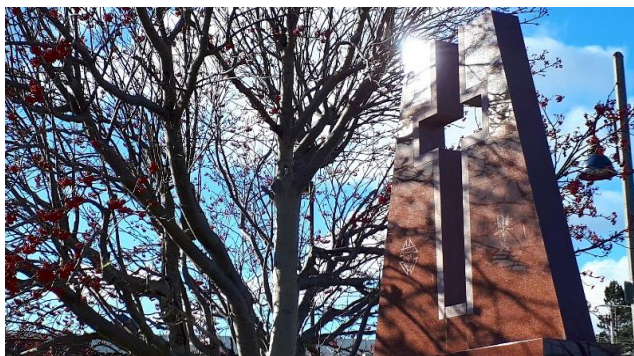


On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Terra Nova Council and Archbishop Howley Assembly held a joint vigil at the Harvey Road monument to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the tragic fire.

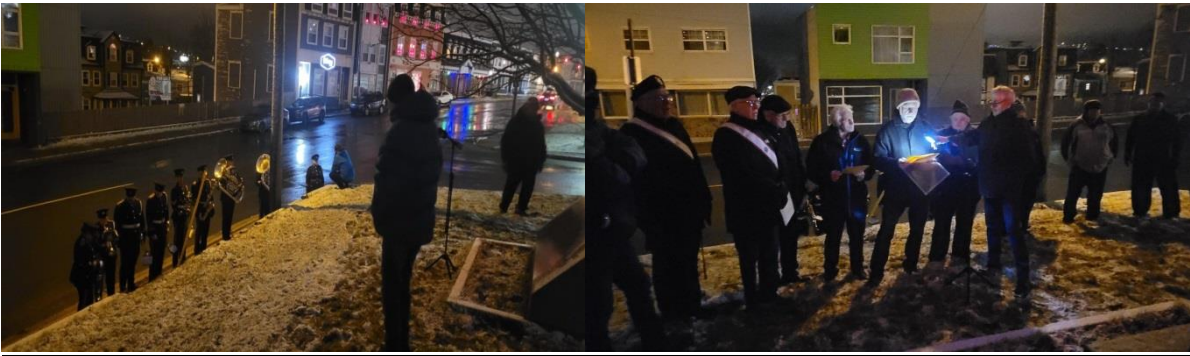
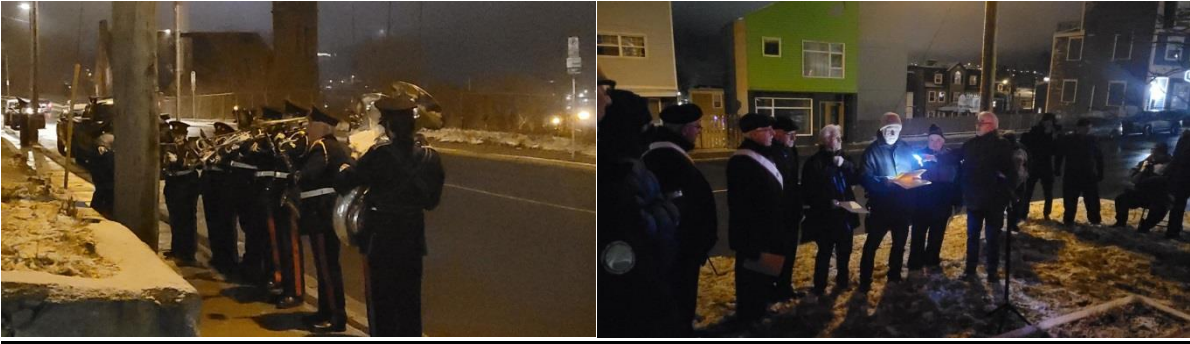
Attached are some pictures from last evening, photo credit to NL State Warden Darrell Long. Faithful Comptroller Gary Farrell of Archbishop Howley informed me that the Band that accompanied the Knights was from the Church Lads Brigade (CLB), another civic minded organization in St. John's.

As well, 3 Assemblies in Moncton, NB provided a Color Guard for a similar vigil in that city last evening.

For more information, here is a link to an article submitted ten years ago to Supreme by Sir Knight DARRIN MCGRATH of Archbishop Howley Assembly, [The K of C Fire, 70 Years Later](#)



Commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Hostel Fire





## *Message from State Newsletter Editor / Public Relations*

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season has come upon us once again. People are beginning to sing yuletide carols by the fire and rock around their Christmas tree, while the anticipation of Santa Claus coming to town has all the little children snuggled in their beds...a wee bit excited of course. While we string up the lights and deck the halls, we must not lose perspective that this is a Holy Night – the night of our dear Saviour's birth. He is the Saviour of the world, the Prince of Peace, our Worthy Redeemer. Jesus is the main character in the true Christmas Story. Rudolph's bright shiny nose may have guided Santa's sleigh, but a host of heavenly angels illuminated the sky, and the light of one bright star led shepherds and Wise Men to a stable where the Christ-child lay in a manger. Truly God's gift to the world! Halleluiah!

As our Order transitions to the second half of the Columbian Year, let us reflect on Br. Alain Cayer's keys to a successful second half. Let us use his recommendations as a guide to strengthen our councils. Let us continue to recruit eligible Catholic men to join our Order. Let us continue to work with our Grand Knights, District Deputies, State Personnel, and State Executive to promote our good works and the Faith in Action Program Model consisting of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Remember....each council should strive for the Star Council Award!

*"God bless us, everyone!"* is proclaimed by Tiny Tim Cratchit in Dickens' literary classic **"A Christmas Carol"**. And so Brothers, may God bless you and your families and loved ones during this Christmas season. Wishing you the best of health and happiness as we end Chapter 2022 and turn the page to begin Chapter 2023! As they say, with every new chapter, another incredible story is written!

