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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

We have reached the end of another Columbian year. Thank you to all who attended our 2024 State Convention in May. It was a great success and it gives us an opportunity to show how well the Knights of Columbus has progressed in this Province.

No doubt the last few years have been a challenge but we are seeing positive change. We have 34 councils: a small number of these councils are having challenges particularly due to deaths and/or transfers to the affiliate list.

What is the affiliate program? Every council member that doesn't pay their annual dues becomes a liability to the council. The council is still responsible for paying State and Supreme assessments. So councils are permitted to move delinquent members to affiliate status. Expectedly, some affiliate members are surprised to be on the affiliate list and quickly pay their outstanding dues, most of which are forgiven, to come back to the council.

This year, under the leadership of our Membership Director and Immediate

Past State Deputy Patrick Gambin assisted by our online chair Brother Gerard Butt, we took close to 100 new members. A great achievement. If your council has not taken in a new member this year or the last number of years, then this coming year is the year to make good and bring in new members.

The key elements of our Jurisdiction are based on the four tenants of Community, Faith, Family, and Life. Our State personnel directors have done great work and many successful programs have taken place throughout the province. Much work needs to be done on the Safe Environment program. Only a few councils are compliant, which has prevented us from obtaining the Circle of Honour.

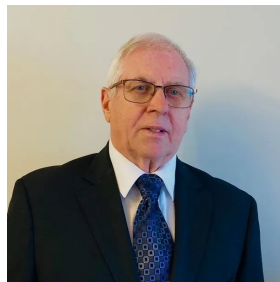
In 2024-2025, we need to look at all that makes us a council and a Jurisdiction. We can do it. This year, we will continue our work on projects like Food for Families, Coats for Kids, support for the Unborn Child, etc. We are also slowly introducing the Cor program. What is Cor? It's a program to draw men back to their faith: you'll hear more about it later. Corner Brook have

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been using the program for the past year quite successfully.

This year, I have been assisted by the very hard work of the State Executive: Immediate Past State Deputy Pat Gambin, State Secretary Paul Baldwin, State Treasurer Brendan Vickers, State Advocate Darrell Long, and State Warden Ray Bonia. These fine Brothers put in many hours of work behind the scenes to make this Jurisdiction work. As well, District Deputies and Grand Knights work very hard and their efforts are well appreciated. Let us go forward with great anticipation of a successful year. Best regards.

Fraternally,
Gary Gallagher
State Deputy



State Chaplain's Message

Brothers,

Our Fourth Degree sponsored the new Rosary on Monday evenings in May. Attendance was excellent and many
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people requested copies of the instruction that went with these gatherings. On Saturday, June 22nd., we gathered at our Cathedral church from 10 am. to 11:30 am. for a seminar on *Lectio Divina* (Divine word reflection). These are progressive measures toward faith development.

We also held a barbecue in June to mark the end of the 2023-2024 Columbian year. The Brother Knights sponsoring all these activities are shining examples to the community. I am very happy to serve as Faithful Navigator for them.

Fraternally,
Fr. Ed Terry
State Chaplain



State Secretary's Message

Brothers,

Where has the Columbian Year gone? This past year was historic for the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador with the Tour of the Relic

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of the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. The Relic visited all corners of the province and appeared in numerous homes. The Tour of the Relic got more of us Knights out in our Parishes and our communities.

In May, we held a very successful State Convention and recognized Councils and Brother Knights that have made a difference with their programs and leadership in the Order. That momentum continues as we close one Columbian Year and start renewed with a new Columbian Year.

I want to thank all Grand Knights and Council Officers for supporting me as your State Secretary, and I look forward to working with you all again this year. For all outgoing Council Officers, I congratulate you on a successful year. For all incoming Council Officers, I congratulate you for stepping up and taking a more active role.

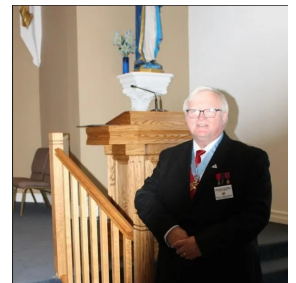
There is another historic event that took place this year in our Province: the rededication of the National War Memorial on its 100th Anniversary and the internment of the Unknown Soldier on Knightly News Volume 23, Issue 1, July/August 2024

Memorial Day, 1 July 2024. All members were encouraged to attend Memorials in their area.

Our July Organization Meeting took place in St. John's on the weekend of 12-14 July 2024. There was a Grand Knight's School for all new Grand Knights to help them in their new roles. Council elections should be completed now and officers in place to do the good works of the Order.

Both my wife Christine and I wish you all a very safe and Blessed summer. See some of you later.

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Baldwin
State Secretary



State Treasurer's Message

Greetings to my fellow State Officers, State Chaplain Father Edward Terry, and to all my Brother Knights. We just concluded another successful Columbian Year and I look forward to the new Columbian Year.

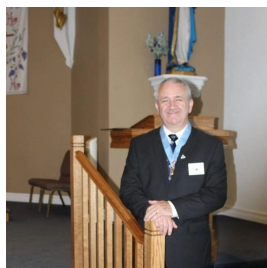
State Treasurer's Message (cont.)

In May, we held a successful State Convention with most councils participating. It was wonderful to see my fellow Brother Knights and their families. My first year as your State Treasurer was busy and enjoyable, and I look forward to my second year. Thanks to our State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and all Brother Knights for your support.

Regarding the Member Medical, I encourage councils to submit their members claims on a monthly basis to ensure reimbursement on a timely fashion. Our State Lottery Tickets should be in the hands of all councils. I encourage all councils to start selling their tickets during the summer and not wait until the Fall. Remember the more tickets you sell the bigger the rebate for your councils.

My wife Pat and myself wish all Brother Knights and their families a beautiful summer and keep safe. God Bless you all in your summer travels.

Vivat Jesus,
Brendan Vickers
State Treasurer



District Deputy's Message - #2

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights,

The following is a summary of activities in the councils which make up District #2:

Terra Nova #1452: Unfortunately, the Grand Knight passed away in March 2024. The council was left in the capable hands of Deputy Grand Knight Chris O'Brien. This council received several program awards during the annual State Convention. Programs are continuing in a timely manner. Membership activity has been good, and the Supreme quota has been surpassed. Their Election of Officers for the 2024-25 Columbian year was completed on May 21st and all elected positions were filled. This has not happened in many years. I worked closely with the Grand Knight elect to have the Installation of Officers completed on June 25th.

St. Teresa's #7702: The council received many program awards at the annual State Convention. Grand Knight Phil Fahey was named Grand Knight of the Year at the same time. The Election of Officers for the 2024-25 Columbian

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year was completed on May 27th and all positions were filled. Several Exemplifications have taken place this year with the most recent on June 12. At that time, there were 3 new members exemplified for a total of 30 during the 2023-24 Columbian year. The council has its own Exemplification Team in place which has proven to be a great asset. The Installation of Officers occurred on June 26th immediately following Mass with the cooperation of Council Chaplain Father Ciro Perez.

Fraternally,
Frank Follett
District Deputy #2

District Deputy's Message - #3

District #3 is comprised of St. John the Baptist Council #7405 (formerly known as Mary Queen of Peace), St. Paul's Council #11776, and Father John B. Kent Council #6638. The councils in this district have been continuing with their spiritual and charitable works of mercy.

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St. John the Baptist Council has not completed their election of officers for this Columbian Year. Acting Gran Knight Brian Whitty and other members of the council have met with Father Paul Lundrigan to discuss the council possibly moving to Holy Trinity Parish in Torbay. More meetings will be held over the summer with Fr. Lundrigan to discuss what St. John the Baptist Council can offer the parish. A council meeting will be held in September with the goal of updating members of what was discussed with Fr. Lundrigan and to hold the Council election. This is a difficult period for St. John the Baptist Council but members are still confident that a new home can be established at Holy Trinity Parish and that the Council can continue its good works.

Both St. Paul's Council and Fr. John B. Kent Council have completed their elections for the 2024-2025 Columbian year and subsequent Installation of Officers. Both councils have continued to recruit new members.: over the past Columbian year, St. Paul's Council have added 4 new members and Fr. John B. Kent Council had 12 additions.

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Over the summer months, councils in this district continued to be busy. St. Paul's Council sponsored Memorial Day celebrations again this year at the Logy Bay/Middle Cove/Outer Cove War Memorial on July 01. There was a great turnout with 12 Knights in attendance. Fr. John B. Kent Council, in partnership with Our Lady Queen of Families Parish, held the Northeast Avalon Deanery Family Days on July 14. This was an afternoon of fun activities, music, kids' games, and BBQ. This was a great way for the council to be visible in the Parish and help the Parish to succeed.

To celebrate their 50th Anniversary as a council, Fr John B. Kent Council participated in a Mass on July 22 that was celebrated by Archbishop Peter Hundt along with 4 Priests including Council Chaplain Fr. Wayne Dohey. Immediately after the Mass there was a banquet and dance. This event was attended by State Deputy Gary Gallagher and his wife Shelia, Archbishop Peter Hundt, Father Wayne Dohey, Master of the 4th Degree Gerard Butt and his wife Heather, State Warden Ray Bonia and his wife Angela, as well as my wife

Agnes and I. We were also joined by MHA Lucy Stoyles, Mayor Dave Aker and several councillors from the City of Mount Pearl, 11 wives of deceased members, and other special guests. Following the banquet, awards were presented for Family and Knight of the Year, as well as certificates to members who had between 50 and 60 years of service. In total, there were 17 members who qualified for this award. There were 5 of these Brother Knights in attendance for the celebrations and they were presented with their certificates by State Deputy Gary Gallagher. Two of these Brother Knights were Charter Members Steve Best and Frank Buck. The evening was topped off with the opening of a time capsule by Past Grand Knight Steve Best and current Grand Knight Con Milmore. This capsule was sealed on the council's 25th anniversary. This was a great evening of celebrating the many accomplishments of Fr. John B. Kent Council. In total, there were 132 people in attendance for the event.

I am looking forward to the continued success of all three councils in this district and hope to see more programs

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introduced by all councils. Membership growth will also continue to be a strong focus in the new Columbian year.

Regards,
Eugene Drover
District Deputy #4

District Deputy's Message - #4

District #4 is comprised of three active councils: Conception Council #1930 on Bell Island, Blessed Trinity Council #6792 in C.B.S., and St. Kevin's Council #7786 in the Goulds.

I was pleased to be able to visit these councils. Activities continue which address the needs of the communities. Ensuring the safety of our Brother Knights is always uppermost in mind. All councils in the district have experienced challenging times. However, they have been making great strides to continue their work.

The following are some of things that have been happening within District #4. Councils conducted their Elections and

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Installation of Officers. Councils have conducted the combined degree to bring in new members and recruitment incentives continue to be ongoing. Councils have held regular monthly meetings and have awarded Families and Knights of the Month/Year. Birthday greetings were extended to members of councils. Councils have actively participated in the selling of State Lottery tickets.

Also, the councils have supported their churches by helping with cleaning, erecting Christmas and Easter signs, conducting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, Eucharistic Ministry, and serving as Lectors. They have also carries out visitations to sheltered Brother Knights, widows, and those in hospital for prayer and communion while praying the Rosary both in church and at funeral homes as well as for those affected by the crises in Ukraine.

The councils have made donations to various worthwhile causes: the Centre for Life, Building the Domestic Church, high school scholarships, food banks, purchasing Bibles, the Petty Harbour Storybook history, support for Seminar-ians, support to the Brazil family,

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support to widows of deceased Brothers, hygiene products for the needy, Special Olympics, and St. Thomas Villanova. They have placed key roles with the parishes and in partnership with other groups using Bingo to raise funds for the church and Councils' charitable causes.

In addition to financial contributions, the councils in the district have participated in many projects throughout their communities. Some of these include the adoption of foster children, Coats for Kids, graveyard cleanups, a Silver Rose ceremony, skating with Santa and Christmas party for children, and the Free Throw Championship (Council, District, and Regional levels). As well, councils participated in Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney relic tour events including: adoration, veneration, visits with sick members and widows, Mass, and a graveyard visit.

Congratulations to the councils in our district for all their excellent work. Remember, "leave no neighbour behind".

Desmond J. McCarthy
District Deputy #4

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District Deputy's Message - #5

When I was asked to become the District Deputy for District #5, it included the southern part of the Avalon Peninsula encompassing St. Anne's Council #6494 in Placentia, Dean Patrick Cleary Council #6672 in Witless Bay-Bay Bulls, Council #9662 in Trepassey, and St. Mary's Council #13220 in St. Mary's. In the past number of years, these councils were very large in terms of number of members, and were quite active in their respective church Parishes and throughout their communities.

When my wife, children, and I relocated to Deer Park near St. Mary's Bay, we chose Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish to be our place of worship. Within a year or so, I was invited to be active in church ministry, which included the area from North Harbour to Peter's River, St. Vincent's, and St. Mary's Bay. At that time, there were nine active churches in that area.

Shortly thereafter, some of those communities decreased in number due to out-migration, sickness and death, and shortage of priests due to lack of Vocations and retirement. As a result, our

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nine active Parish churches in St. Mary's Bay were reduced to four Parish churches as part of Good Sheppard Parish. Similar changes happened to the Knights of Columbus in the region. During this time of change, there were four active Councils in the St. Mary's Bay - Placentia Bay region. As a result of the declining population and the lack of young people interested in joining members of the Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's Bay Council #13320 and a parishioner of St. Edward's Parish in Conception Bay South, can be a good example for others. How important is it for my wife, Emily, and I to practise the faith that we were baptized into?

A short time ago, we watched a movie on the life of St. Josephine Bakhita. She once said that God will not allow us to experience suffering or struggle in this life and not receive a blessing from those struggles. She was abducted at the age of seven, used as a slave, and abused in many ways. On one occasion, she had her skin cut in 114 places and salt poured into them, leaving scars on her body. Through all of this suffering, she was accepted into a convent and became a nun. She was once asked what

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she would do if she encountered her abductors and she replied that she would kneel and kiss their hands because, if that had not happened, she would not have been a Christian and a religious.

Brother Knights, while we all struggle, remember that we will be rewarded through our examples of good works and prayers as we continue to renew and strengthen the Catholic faith community. Our actions should include the invitation of men in our communities to become members of our Order, so that they can enjoy the benefits that they and their families are offered, and do the best we can to assist in rebuilding our churches, communities, and families. Other programs available to our members through Faith in Action include: Into the Breach, Marion Icon Prayer Program, Rosary Program, Holy Hour, The Cor Program, and Scripture Sharing and Reflection.

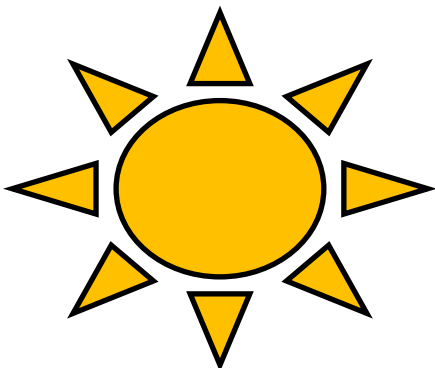
In my own parish, I attended two Scripture-based programs within the past twelve months: 33 Days to Morning Glory and Consoling the Heart of Jesus from the Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Both of these retreats,

District Deputy - #5 Message (cont.)

Hosted on DVD by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, were offered on a Saturday morning from 10 am to 12 pm and were well attended with positive feedback received. These two spiritual programs were offered to all parishioners to help renew the spirituality of the parish community. Today, our parishes need a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and renewed spirituality.

Fr. Don Dolindo finishes each day of his nine-day Novena of Surrender with this prayer: “O Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything”. Trust God our Father. He has everything under control. He has a plan. Help Him to put that plan into action. Brothers, you and your families enjoy the next few weeks of summer and keep up the good work.

Fraternally,
Dave Kenny
District Deputy #5



District Deputy - #9 Message

My Brother Knights,

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Gary Gallagher for appointing me as District Deputy for District #9. It has truly been an honour to work so closely with many Brother Knights for the past year and I am looking forward to working very closely with our three councils in the district this year.

District #9 is comprised of Archbishop Howley Council 2581 in Corner Brook, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council 8555 in Pasadena, and Monsignor Walter Brennan council 8749 in Deer Lake. These three councils have been busy as they continue their Spiritual works to help promote the four pillars of our Order (Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism) through various meetings, fundraising, and discussing various projects.

The Grand Knights in District # 9 (Worthy Grand Knight Brian Terry of Council 2581 in Corner Brook, Worthy Grand Knight Terence Mugford of Council 8555 in Pasadena, and Worthy Grand Knight Wayne Bennett of Council 8749 in Deer Lake) led their perspective councils during this fraternal

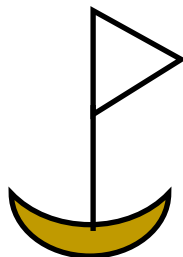
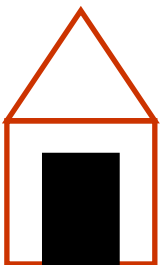
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year of 2023-2024. Those three councils used the information that was provided to them and passed it along to their members.

Council 2581 in Corner Brook just completed a series of Faith Development gatherings during Lent to help promote our COR program, which was led by our State Chaplain Father Edward Terry, Council 2581 Chaplain Father Lee Lainey, and our State Faith has been a great help with the Installation of council officers and various District duties. I welcome Michael back in helping me as District Warden for the next fraternal year.

May all Brother Knights and their families have a safe and enjoyable summer. May God bless you all and hope to see you all in September.

Fraternally,
Michael Connolly
District Deputy #9



State Membership Director's Report

Brothers,

Another year has flown by and we see ourselves starting another year of Recruitment. For the 2022-2023 Columbian year, we received the Circle of Honor (COH) award for member intake. Even though we had some slow periods of recruitment during that period, we pulled out a very good ending to the Columbian year by earning the goal of Member Intake set down by Supreme. Again this past year, we were in a similar situation where we had almost 90% of our goal achieved and approximately two weeks to achieve COH status. we have had great results in Membership Recruitment at different periods and then there has been lulls in the Recruitment efforts throughout the jurisdiction. This would be a great achievement since I believe that our jurisdiction has never earned COH status in two consecutive years (correct me if I'm wrong).

This year, COH status can be more easily attainable if we really show our grit and determination. Simply make a special effort to ask every Catholic gentleman that we know, and we all know someone, to join or re-join the great

State Membership Director's Report (cont.)

organization of the Knights of Columbus. Please do this for the good of your individual councils, for State Council, and for the Knights of Columbus in general. We have the power to do this just by asking a fellow Catholic to join! Don't keep putting this off: do it today and encourage them to join online.

Some councils achieved their individual membership goals, others did not recruited any new members. If this trend continues, where will your council and your programs be in the next few years? There is a need for new blood and ideas in our organization and the only answer to rectify this trend is to recruit, recruit, and then recruit a great deal more. This past year, we did very well in recruiting young New Members to our ranks.

This, I feel, is telling us that young people are still interested in holding onto many of the ideals and doctrines of the Catholic Church. We need to help them along on this journey by inviting them to join the "Right Arm of the Church", the Knights of Columbus. Is there a better place to start a journey back to the Church?

been encouraging everyone, yes you, to get involved in recruiting new or former members. Some have taken up the challenge while others have not. Let's get the adrenaline pumping and avoid having to make an insurmountable push at the end of the year.

On behalf of your State Executive, I want to thank all members who participated in recruitment this year, with a special shoutout to Past State Deputy Maurice Lewis (a member of the State Membership Team). Thanks for all your efforts towards growing the Order. As a result, everyone benefits when new members join. This will keep our councils and valuable programs, that we all want to be a part of, running well into the future. On behalf of my family, have a safe and relaxing Summer: keep an eye out for possible prospects to ask to join your council. Even without regular meetings in July and August, members can easily join online and be ready to join your council in early September.

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Membership Director

State Faith Director's Report

Brothers,

Hoping all is well with you and your dear ones! This is a short note to inform you that I am not continuing as Faith Director this Columbian year (2024-2025).

Over the past three years, I have met many faithful knights. I am grateful for your dedication to our Order's call of charity, fraternity, and unity. Of course, the Fourth Degree has had a big impact on me with its patriotic zeal. I'll keep you in my prayers and ask for yours.

These are challenging times with many new ideas to consider. Our synod needs our support and prayers, and our native people should also be a focus for healing and reconciliation. With these and other thoughts in mind, may we go forward in faith, hope, and love.

Vivat Jesus!
Brian J. Terry
State Faith Director



State Family Director's Report

Brothers,

Looking back at the end of a successful Columbian Year, it is an honour serving as your State Family Director. It is memorable to note that councils have contributed over \$20 000 worth of financial support to help offset the burden of supplying food, clothing, and toys to very needy families.

I would have liked to have had more councils participate in Family of the Month/Year. To participate, councils select one of the twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the Council as the potential international Family of the Year, as chosen by Supreme Council and recognized at the Supreme Convention. Councils can participate by filling out form #10784, for Family of the Month, and form # 0680, for Family of the Year.

Fr. Michael McGivney developed our organization to care for the widows and children of deceased members of the Parish. This Family program has developed into a very successful life insurance program, to ensure the financial well-being of the family after a loved

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one passes on. I encourage members to offer this opportunity to all Catholic men so they can protect their families.

Throughout the current Columbian year, please avail of the many Family programs that are available, especially council Family Directors, through Supreme: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/index.html/>.

Fraternally,
Gerard Walsh
State Family Director

State Life Director's Report

Hello Brother Knights,

Following the end of another fraternal year, it is time to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year and to look forward with hope to continue to carry out programs that support life. This past year, we were honored once again to host the Silver Rose program, with seven councils participating in it.

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I would encourage all council Life Directors and Grand Knights to ensure that their councils are fully participating in our Life programs. Our "Faith in Action" guidebook outlines the many activities that councils can participate in and support. It is extremely important for councils to defend life from conception to natural death. The Centre for Life needs our continued support more than ever. I encourage all councils and members to take out or renew your membership with the centre, it only costs \$20.00.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish continued success to our State Council and wish them every success in the coming year. As Brother Knights, we need to remember that we are united by our founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and that we will defend life to the end. I would like to wish all brothers and their families a safe and enjoyable summer.

Fraternally Yours,
Eugene Hurley
State Life Director

Centre for Life Donation

Insurance Report (cont.)



Presentation by State Council of funds raised (\$8000) by councils throughout Newfoundland and Labrador to the Centre for Life. Pictured with President Linda Holden are State Advocate Darrell Long, State Deputy Gary Gallagher, State Treasurer Brendan Vickers, State Warden Ray Bonia, and State Secretary Paul Baldwin.

Photo courtesy of Gary Gallagher

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Why do the Knights of Columbus offer insurance? It may seem odd that one of the world's largest charitable organizations is also one of North America's largest insurers. However, it is not odd because providing financial protection for Catholic families has been the core

of the Knights of Columbus mission since its beginning in 1882. In his short life, our venerable founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, witnessed first-hand the devastation brought on by the untimely death of a family breadwinner. Today, we continue to fulfill Father McGivney's mission of offering and providing financial protection for Catholic families. Hence the reason we continue to offer insurance.

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

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Blessed Michael McGivney's vision in 1882 was that every eligible Catholic family be invited to join the Knights of Columbus. His vision was that every member would also be an insurance member. The range of products now offered by the Knights of Columbus can make this vision a reality. The future of our Order depends on membership. The insurance program is one of the best tools we have to entice young families to join; we have to use it. Ask a young family to join and use the insurance program as the drawing card that can save them money.

A few thoughts to ponder:

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

"When life insurance is needed, it can't be purchased at any price." Call your agent today and set an appointment: it could be the most important appointment you will ever make. As agents "we have only four competitors: death, disability, illness, and old age. Our job is to see our clients before any of our competitors." - Lim Beng Suan LUTCF, Singapore

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State Scholarship Director's Report

Knights of Columbus Scholarships are available to students who graduated in June 2024 Grade XII with honours standing and will be attending a Post Secondary institution in September. The application deadline is October 31, 2024; information and applications are available at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html>. Please advertise this message in your church bulletins and on Community Channels.

Maurice Lewis

State Council Scholarship Director

State Lottery Chairman's Report

Brothers,

During the State Convention held in St. John's on the May 2-3 weekend, our annual State Lottery draw was held. The winner was Bobbi Jo Pickett of Wabush, Labrador. The prize was \$63,350.00

On the same weekend, our Fall tickets was passed out to councils through their Grand Knight or their representative. This year's tickets are the same as last year: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draws for these tickets will take place in St. John's at the Capital Hotel on November 23 during the mid-year meetings.

During the summer, it is a good time to promote and sell these tickets at family gatherings, Parish garden parties, and other functions. Some councils have previously set up a table at malls, or left tickets with grocery stores or gas bars to sell. These are just some of the many ways to distribute them.

Fraternally,
Jerry Barker
State Lottery Chairman

Fourth Degree District Master's Report

On June 1, 2024, a Fourth Degree Exemplification was held in Stephenville. The principle of Patriotism was exemplified to five new Sir Knights: four joined Our Lady of Perpetual Help Assembly (#1653), and one joined Bishop O'Reilly Assembly (#624). There was a great turnout for the Ceremonial (25 Sir Knights present) including Past State Deputy Max Snow, Immediate Past State Deputy Pat Gambin, Faithful Navigator Dave Delaney (#624), District Deputy Mike Connolly, Special thanks to Faithful Navigator Bob Miller for organizing, hosting, and narrating the event. The Exemplification was held in memory of Sir Knight George Duffney.



This was the first live Exemplification at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Assembly in Stephenville since before the

Fourth Degree District Master's Report (cont.)

COVID-19 pandemic, and this will continue the trend of getting new members for the Fourth Degree. The Exemplification team for this most recent ceremonial included: Master of the Fourth Degree Sir Knight Gerard Butt, Historian/Past Vice Supreme Master Sir Knight Donald Dumont, Registrar/District Deputy Sir Knight Clyde Russell, Narrator/Faithful Navigator (#1653) Sir Knight Bob Miller, Defender of the Faith Sir Knight Conrad Benoit, Expositor of the Constitution Sir Knight Ed Hartley, Faithful District Marshal Sir Knight Wayne Alexander, and Faithful Friar/Past State Chaplain Fr. Maurice O'Quinn.



Are you a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus? If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree,

please reach out to one of our 14 Assemblies in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Regards,
Sir Knight Gerard Butt
Fourth Degree District Master

Msgr. Rawlins Assembly 2010



Msgr. Rawlins Assembly held their Installation of Officers on June 30 after 9 am Mass at St. Teresa's Church. This assembly, which received its Charter on December 1, 1984, continues to be a vibrant and active assembly.

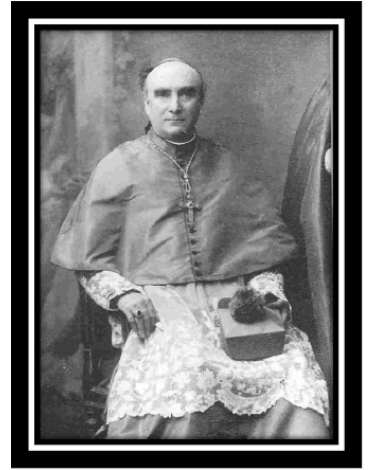
Assembly 2010 (cont.)



Photos courtesy of Gerard Butt

Assembly 2010 (cont.)

This assembly honours Placentia born Archbishop Edward Patrick Roche, 1874-1950, who was the second Archbishop of St. John's. He was appointed in 1915 and continued in his office until 1950. The buttress of his life's work was Catholic education. He was the youngest Archbishop in the British Empire when he assumed office in 1914.



Archbishop E. P. Roche Assembly 2028



Photos courtesy of Gerard Butt

New District Master

It was a great evening at Archbishop E. P. Roche Assembly on June 24 consisting of the Rosary, a guest speaker, and the Installation of Assembly Officers. I am appreciative that, after four years, Former Master/Faithful Navigator Derm Whelan asked me to be the guest speaker for the gathering. The events were open to the public.

Brother Knights:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the new District Master for the Fourth Degree: congratulations Faithful Navigator/Sir Knight Bob Miller! Sir Knight Bob Miller will serve the term from September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2026.

New District Master (cont.)

District Master Bob Miller's information is:

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Thank you to all Sir Knights who showed an interest and/or applied for the position. Please continue to be interested and active members of the Fourth Degree. Your dedication and service is greatly appreciated.

Sir Knight Gerard Butt

Fourth Degree District Master



Photo courtesy of Gerard Butt

Fr. John B. Kent Council 6638

Father John B. Kent Council #6638 is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024. As part of the celebrations for this milestone, the council held a special Mass on June 24 at Our Lady Queen of Families Parish that was celebrated by Archbishop Peter Hundt, Father Wayne Dohey, Monsignor Joe Barton, Father Ed Sutton, and Father Charlie Kelly.



Following the Mass, a celebration dinner, presentation of awards, and dance was held at the Reid Centre in Mount Pearl. In attendance for this celebration were State Deputy Gary Gallagher and his wife Shelia, Fourth Degree District Master Gerard Butt and his wife Heather, State Warden Ray Bonia and his wife Angela, Past State Deputy/Field Agent Maurice Lewis, and District

Fr. John B. Kent Council 6638 (cont.)

Deputy Eugene Drover and his wife Agnes. Besides the aforementioned Presidents at Mass, joining the distinguished guest list were MHA Lucy Stoyles and her husband Reg, Mayor Dave Aker, and several councillors from the City of Mount Pearl.

The evening was emceed by Brother Peter Furlong, which began with dinner followed by greetings from special guests in attendance as well as greetings from invited guests that could not attend. This was followed by presentation of awards for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year: Family of the Year was presented to Peter (Rocky) and Patricia (Trish) Furlong by District Deputy Eugene Drover; Knight of the Year Award was presented to Walter Bourgeois by Grand Knight Con Milmore.



Following these awards, Worthy State Deputy Gary Gallagher presented years of service awards to Brother Knights in attendance with special mention to Charter Grand Knight Steve Best (57 years of service), Charter Financial Secretary Louis Fitzpatrick (73 years of service), and founding members Frank Buck (50 years of service) and Doug Chaytor (63 years of service). In total, there were 17 members that have between 50 and 60 years of service with the Knights of Columbus, as well as 11 wives of deceased members of our council.



This was followed with a few presentations of flower bouquets to some special ladies in attendance and Grand Knight Con Milmore offered closing remarks and thanked all who helped make the event a success. The last item for the evening's celebrations was the opening

Fr. John B. Kent Council 6638 (cont.)

of a time capsule by Charter Grand Knight Steve Best and Current Grand Knight Con Milmore. The capsule was sealed on the 25th Anniversary of Fr. John B. Kent Council.



This was a great evening of fraternity, friendship, and celebration in honour of the dedicated service by Fr. John B. Kent Council to our Church and to the City of Mount Pearl. Over these past 50 years, many Brother Knights and their families have carried out many different programs and activities, and helped numerous people and groups in their time of need. Our council will continue to move forward by remembering the council's past successes, and looking forward to the challenges and accomplishments that are waiting ahead of us.

Photos courtesy of Eugene Drover

St. Kevin's Council 7786

We had our Council's election of Officers for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year. Our new Grand Knight is Denis Galway and our new Deputy Grand Knight is Clifton Power.

These are some of things the Knights of Columbus have been doing at St. Kevin's. We conducted a Card Party for the Food Bank at St. Kevin's, in which roughly \$6,300 was raised. Also, we started Bingo at our Parish in partnership with St. Kevin's Financial Committee.

Herb Stead

Immediate Past Grand Knight

Msgr. Williams Council 8640

February 19th was the 40th anniversary of Msgr. Williams Council in King's Cove. That Sunday afternoon, 39 men met to form a new council. Today, there are still 15 of those members in this Council. Over the past 40 years, our council has won several State and Supreme Awards including both Knight and Family of the Year for State.

Msgr. Williams Council 8640 (cont.)

Earlier this year, Brother Charles Crann and his wife Nora were selected by Supreme Council in the Family of the Month competition. On June 14th, Brother Timothy Connors and his wife Lena celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A few months ago, they also had their name selected by Supreme Council in the Family of the Month competition. This is the second time they had their name selected for this honour.

Jerry Barker

St. Paul's Council 11776

St. Paul's Council participated in several fundraising efforts for the Centre for Life. Our Grand Knight Gerry Puddister and our Directors for Life, Aneas Decker and Brian Kennedy, presented a cheque for \$1000 to the Centre for Life on behalf of our council, with the proceeds coming from ticket sales. In addition, the \$200 refund received from Supreme Council through the Aid and Support After Pregnancy program was re-distributed back to the Centre for Life.

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St. Paul's Council 11776 (cont.)



Once again this year, our council organized and conducted the Council, District, and Regional competitions for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw program. Students from St. Paul's Junior High, East Point Elementary, St. Francis of Assisi, Vanier, Mary Queen of Peace, MacDonald Drive Junior High, and MacDonald Drive Elementary participated. Our thanks go out to Brother Donald Mackey for organizing the gym time at MacDonald Drive Junior High. The event has been regaining popularity since the stagnant years of COVID-19.



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St. Paul's Council 11776 (cont.)

Last Fall, our council purchased \$650 worth of coats from Supreme Council as part of the Coats for Kids program. They were given to the Froude Avenue Community Centre for distribution to needy families, which ensured that children were able to stay warm during the cold winter months that otherwise might not have been able to afford to. The presentation was made by Brother Bernard Madden to the Executive Director of the Froude Avenue Community Centre.

Ray Hall and Ray English.



Photos courtesy of Bill Aylward

St. Mary's Church Plaque



The pew at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT honouring the institution of our Jurisdiction on January 27, 1919.

Photo courtesy of Gary Gallagher



In addition to our council's financial contributions, our members volunteer to help top up the food bank at Divine Mercy Parish, as illustrated by Brothers Knightly News Volume 23, Issue 1, July/August 2024

Editor's Message

Brother Knights,

First of all, my apologies to everyone for being late completing this edition of Knightly News. I had intended on working on it throughout the last week of June and into the first half of July during some down time in my program. However, our research group at Dalhousie University unexpectedly hosted a visiting professor during the first week of July, and we were all forced to deliver a presentation that required two weeks of preparation. After working on the newsletter during the last two weeks of July, I ended up having to put it on pause for another two weeks. I had to increase my involvement with our local Saint Vincent de Paul conference while both our Vice President and our Treasurer were away, and our conference was undergoing a transition between Presidents.

After spending another week and a half working on the newsletter, I am pleased to have presented a Summer edition of Knightly News. I must thank all State Personnel for their patience, in particular to State Deputy Gary Gallagher for putting up with all the delays and for Knightly News Volume 23, Issue 1, July/August 2024

naming me as the NL State Newsletter Editor and Public Relations Director.

Throughout this edition, you will have noticed all the dedication and hard work put on by our Brother Knights province-wide to help better their churches and their communities. As with the Christmas edition last December, it has been a pleasure going through all the reports and ongoing activities submitted, and I assure you all that read through each word in every report (doing spelling and grammar checks will make you do that...).

The first task in my new role is to help councils promote their projects to a broader audience. Earlier this summer, I sent an email out to all State Personnel encouraging their councils to regularly submit highlights to the *Columbia* magazine released monthly by Supreme Council. They are constantly looking for details and photos (showing active participation and not still presentations), especially those featuring younger members that have recently joined our Order.

Councils can also start by submitting

Editor's Message (cont.)

their event details to State Council, which will be featured either in the Knights in Action section of our webpage and/or in future editions of Knightly News (still pictures are okay for these initiatives). Of all the assemblies (14), councils (36), and districts (11) in our jurisdiction (using numbers from the 2023-2024 Columbian year), reports were only received from two assemblies, four councils, and five District Deputies. As this data indicates participation of 14% of assemblies, 11% of councils, and 45% of districts, I would highly encourage more submissions for future editions (make my job as hard as possible!).

Don't stop here though. Ensure that parishioners and the general public are aware of what your councils are doing. Consider adding an insert to your parish's bulletin, making a short newsletter or brochure to place at the back of the church, or to display at future council functions; having a social media or webpage to display pictures, upcoming events, etc.; post upcoming events through TV and radio. These small steps can increase your council's exposure and allow more people to be

touched by our Order's charitable works. An added benefit is that the more people that become aware of what our Order does, our recruitment pool increases alongside it. New members (especially younger men) will be the lifeblood of our Order going forward once our aging population are forced to step back.

If any council or Brother Knight has any questions regarding communications of any kind, do not hesitate to ask any of our State Executive/Personnel. Also, Supreme Council has many great ideas and guidelines for increasing exposure to the public through their Public Relations and Publicity Guide: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for-members/2235-public-relations-and-publicity-guide.pdf>.

Hope everyone had a great summer: there is still time to make it count. Stay safe; I will be praying for you and your families.

Fraternally,
Andrew Walsh
State Newsletter Editor/
Public Relations Director

