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Brothers, Summer has finally arrived, but with COVID19 still hanging over our heads, it is not likely we will be doing much celebrating to mark the event.

We are also just a few days away from the end of this Columbian Year, AND, the start of the 2020-2021 Columbian Year. A lot has happened this past year, especially in the past three months. Our lives, and activities, were totally disrupted in mid-March, and are still being affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

For the first time in the history of this jurisdiction, Knights of Columbus members from each council were not able to come together as a group for our Annual Convention. Nor have Councils and Fourth Degree Assemblies been able to sit around the same table to plan activities, or to actually carry out scheduled activities since the middle of March. Restrictions put in place to try to control the Pandemic affected everyone and almost everything we would normally do.

However, despite all this, Knights of Columbus councils and members throughout Newfoundland and Labrador are managing to make their presence known, and to let parishioners and their communities know, that they are there to help. Dinners were prepared and delivered to front line workers, and food banks were staffed, and food was distributed by councils in areas where the Pandemic had resulted in other volunteers being reluctant to continue that type of service. Those are just a couple of the many projects councils and brother Knights took part in, and are continuing to take part in, during this crisis.

Brothers, you are to be congratulated and thanked for doing this work. I would encourage you to continue with these and other projects to assist as many people as possible during this Pandemic.

COVID19 is also affecting the plans of your State Council. Our organizational meetings will take place July 10 – 11, 2020, but again, for the first time in the history of the Jurisdiction, we won't be coming together face to face for that meeting. We are going 'Virtual'...the details for that meeting are still being worked out and will be provided to everyone in the coming days.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and many usual daily activities are halted, the Supreme Council has developed a new program that will help Councils and Assemblies respond to the needs of their parishes and communities. "The Leave No Neighbor Behind," is an order-wide service program to assist people during this crisis. Each Council and Assembly has been provided with information on the program, and I would urge all to review the information and where possible to follow and adopt some of the suggestions in the Program and I would urge all to review the information and where possible to follow and adopt some of the suggestions in the Program.

Brothers, there are some changes you will see in the make-up of the State Executive and our Personnel in the coming Columbian Year, the most significant being the appointment of a new State Chaplain. Fr Jeff Kolonel, parish priest at St. Kevin's Parish in the Goulds, replaces Fr. William Hearn as our State Chaplain effective July 1, 2020. Fr. Hearn has completed his term of office with the State Board, and I would like to officially thank him now for his service to the Knights of Columbus.

Brothers, I would also like to thank you and your families for all for the time and

dedication that you give your councils and our order. My hope is that this crisis will end soon.

Stay safe, and May God watch over and protect each and every one of you.

Gordon Lannon

State Deputy

State Chaplains Message



Dear Brother Knights,

This is my final State Chaplain's message to you as we approach the close of another Columbian year.

It has been a different and difficult year - given the arrival on the scene of Covid-19. This fearful virus changed the everyday routine of our lives and continues to demand our vigilance.

My term as State Chaplain concludes at the end of this month. I express my sincere appreciation to State Deputy Gordon Lannon and Past State Deputy Brian Hurley under whose capable leadership I had the privilege to serve in this Chaplaincy.

I have learned a great deal more about the work of the Knights of Columbus through my involvement at the State level. I thank all Brother Knights and your spouses who welcomed me so graciously at our various socials, meetings and gatherings over the past two years.

I hope that, through my presence and my prayers, I assisted you in advancing the Unity, Charity and Fraternity of our esteemed Order in letting our faith-in-action shine.

I extend my congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Father Jeffrey Kolonel, newly appointed State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador.

We have received the long-awaited good news that our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, has cleared the final hurdle to Beatification. It is merely a matter of time before he is officially declared a Saint. "...on whose constant intercession in God's presence we may rely for unfailing help."

May the Holy Spirit of the Risen Lord Jesus continue to guide, support and bless the endeavours of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador.

May Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians, pray for us! During these pandemic days, may her intercession provide health and happiness in our fearless service of the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,
Father William Hearn
State Chaplain

Message from State Secretary



Hello, Brother Knights. As the restrictions placed on us because of the COVID-19 have not eased since our last newsletter, we are continuing to have difficulty with recruiting NEW members. In spite of these restrictions, we have brought in a few New or Former members to our ranks. We still have approximately two (2) weeks to recruit members before the end of this Columbian Year.

As noted in an e-mail that was sent to all councils, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, State Appointed Personnel and the Fourth Degree were informed of the changes in criteria to achieve Star Status by reducing the quota required in membership intake for individual councils. The reduction in quota is very significant and should enable a number of councils to achieve Star Council Status this year.

There were also changes in the number of activities to reported for earning the Columbian Award. I would like to encourage councils to review these changes and see how you can fit them to your situation for your council's benefit. I also want to remind you that the deadline for receiving the Columbian Award is June 30, 2020 and to do so, it is as simple as filling out the proper form and submitting it to Supreme.

Any new members that are recruited must have the Form 100 submitted to Supreme by NOON, June 29, 2020 in order to give Supreme sufficient time to process the forms.

As I mentioned earlier, please make an effort to recruit new members in the remaining couple of weeks since this could help your council to achieve Star Council Status and it will also ensure more members to help with activities in the new fraternal year.

In my role as State Secretary, I want to inform all members that we will be holding our July Organizational Meeting in a virtual format, similar to our State Convention held in April 2020. We are in the process of planning for this event and further details will be forthcoming in the near future.

On behalf of my wife, Delores, I want to thank everyone for your support his past year, which,

at times, has presented us with challenges we have never had to face in the past. Be Safe! Stay Safe!

Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Secretary
State Membership Director

Message from State Treasurer



First, a thank you to our State Deputy Gordon Lannon on running a highly successful year. The second half of the year was trying to say it lightly but with everyone pulling together we have completed the year in reasonably good shape. All councils submitted their second half dues and their contributions to the Member Medical Fund. As well we had excellent success for the Ad Booklet for our spring convention. Special thanks to Brother Doug Chaytor of Council 6638 John B. Kent in organizing and collecting Ad inserts from the business community again this year. Brother Doug is 83 years old and still loves a challenge to get that ad for us. As we head to the end of this Columbian year, we realize that some Councils have not full operations over the past months. Hopefully, our Fundraiser 2020 gives good returns to all Councils and gives a good start to the new Columbian year 2020-2021. Thank You to my State Council Brothers for their assistance over this past year and especially our outgoing State Chaplain Father Hearn for his prayers and kind words throughout the year. Sheila and I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Gary Gallagher
State Treasurer

Message from State Advocate



First of all, I would like to thank all Brother Knights for their confidence in choosing me as your State Advocate at our recent Virtual State Convention. Times have certainly changed, who would have imagined that we would be having a convention on the telephone.

The Covid 19 pandemic has redefined normal and the way we live. And as Knights, we way we do business. Supreme has adapted to this new normal and as your Advocate I will ensure that all changes and amendments to our Order's Bylaws are passed in a timely manner. I encourage Councils to reach out to me if there are any questions on policy and procedure that you are unsure because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The pillars of our Order remain the same, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We can continue the good works of the Order in the vision of our founder Father Michael McGivney. Covid 19 is not a stumbling block but a challenge; and Knights of Columbus rise to challenges.

I encourage all Councils to continue their work for the Order. It is good to see Councils adjusting and using technology. From social media pages to virtual council meetings on ZOOM, Councils are rising to the challenge. Now more than ever, it is important to ensure that we submit our reports to Supreme. The Columbian Award Submission is due no later than June 30th, I challenge all Councils to apply for this Award.

For those Councils that could hold elections, I thank all Past Council Officers for their

Service and welcome the new Council Officers as they lead our Order to success. For those Councils that will be holding their elections later, I thank the current Council Officers for continuing to serve.

By now you know that our July organizational meeting will be held virtually but Brothers I am sure that with our adherence to Public Health Rules and by the Grace of Our Lord, we will meet together as a Brotherhood. I look forward to that meeting.

My wife Christine and I wish you all a safe and Blessed summer.

Fraternally yours,
Paul R Baldwin
State Advocate.

Message from State Warden



Brother Knights, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as State Warden for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland & Labrador for the Columbia year of 2019-2020. As our Columbia year is about to close, I ask each council to reflect on their accomplishments that they performed through-out the year. These past few months have been a challenging period for all Councils but as we move forward, we as Knights of Columbus will face our challenges head on and come out on top. As we move toward a new Columbia year, I encourage Councils to continue with all their good work that they perform both in the Church and the communities that we live in. It is a new norm

out there and we as Knights of Columbus must adapt to the new norm. I would like to express my thanks to all outgoing Council Officers and welcome all new incoming Officers.

On behalf of my wife Pat, I wish all Brother Knights and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer.

Fraternally
Brendan Vickers
State Warden

Appointment

Brothers,

This is to advise that Father Jeffrey Kolonel, parish priest at St. Kevin's Parish in the Goulds has been appointed by Archbishop Peter Hundt, as the new State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, effective July 1, 2020.

Father Kolonel will replace current State Chaplain Father Bill Hearn, who's term of office expires on June 30, 2020.

On behalf of the State Executive, I would like to extend thanks to Father Hearn for his spiritual guidance to the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador over the past two years, and to wish him every success in the future.

Fraternally,
Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Newfoundland and Labrador Knights of Columbus State Chaplain Father William Hearn as he celebrated the 45th Anniversary of his Ordination on 17 May. May God continue to Bless you Father Hearn and keep you safe.

Dear Brother Knight,

It is with particular joy that I write to share with you the news that, at Noon today (May 27, 2020) in Rome, the Vatican [announced](#) the formal recognition of a miracle attributed to our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

With this announcement, a Mass of Beatification will soon be scheduled.

This joyful news is the culmination of many years of determined effort, and I ask for your continued and increased prayers as we prepare for the day when our founder will be known as “Blessed Michael McGivney.”

The Vatican announcement can be found below:

Decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints

On May 26, 2020, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the Decrees regarding:

[...]the miracle, attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of

God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest, Founder of the Order of the Knights of Columbus; born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury (United States of America) and died in Thomaston (United States of America) on August 14, 1890; Venerable Michael McGivney was the founder of the Knights of Columbus, now the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization. After studies in Canada and the United States, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop James Gibbons in Baltimore. He founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society, geared especially to working men and their families. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners. He died at the early age of 38 from pneumonia.

I would ask each brother Knight to learn more about our founder at the newly updated Father McGivney Guild [website](#) where the Order will also regularly post news and updates related to the beatification.

And if you would like to learn even more about our founder’s heroic life and continuing legacy, please consider reading Father McGivney’s biography, [Parish Priest](#), and the newly-released book [The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History](#).

Sincerely,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

(This article was taken from an email to all Brother Knights from Our Leader Carl A Anderson dated May 27 2020.)

Message from DD #3

Brother Knights; As with all other councils in the province and the world, District 3 has been wrestling with the consequences of the COVID 19 pandemic. Some of our usual activities have been put on hold for the moment and other ones have developed. Councils are still performing using electronic means to continue our meetings and are using preapproved budgets for commitments that each council deem appropriate. Just before social distancing regulations came into effect, Fr. John B Kent Council conducted the New Combined degree at Mary Queen of the World. Even though this degree was new to all of us, the third conducted in the province, it went exceptionally well. Fr. JB Kent council are planning to continue to hold the new degrees on a regular basis once social distancing restrictions are lifted. The Basketball Free Throw was a great success again this year and I must commend St. Paul's Council, especially their GK Gerry Puddister and PGK Don Mackey, for hosting the Council and District Competitions. Unfortunately, the Regionals were cancelled however it is our duty as Knights to ensure the safety of our fellow citizens and to lead by example. Many people are working behind the scenes by operating food banks and promoting Supremes program of Leave no neighbor behind.

Congratulations to Fr. Jeff Kolonel on accepting the position of State Chaplain for the coming Columbian Year. There are plans with Fr. Jeff to re-establish the Knights in his parish of St. Kevins in the Goulds. Also there have been talks with Fr. Earl Smith, SJ (Pastor and

Superior of St. John's Jesuits) and Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ (Archdiocesan Chaplain at Memorial University) about expanding to Knights presence in both St. Pius X and Memorial University. With the hope of re-establishing the council in St. Pius X Parish and developing a college council on Memorial Campus.

Fraternally
Ray Bonia
DD # 3

Message from DD #4

Brother Knights; as we are at the end of another fraternal year, I would like to thank our worthy State Deputy, Gordon Lannon for allowing me to continue on in this position as District Deputy #4 for another Columbian year. This now makes a total of 5 consecutive years as district deputy of district# 4. All three councils in my district consisting of Terra Nova council 1452 St. John's, Conception council 1930 Bell island, and Corpus Christi council 7786 St. John's. There are also two non-active councils consisting of council 8642 Southern Harbor, and council 9606 St. John's.

There has been a detailed list of activities submitted to State as part of my year-end report.

As we are at the end of another Fraternal year and prepare for the future of the councils in my district, I wish them well under the guidance of the Grand Knights and their executive.

I know we are all living in desperate times as we try to get over this covid-19 pandemic. I hope it will be over soon, and I pray that we all will be safe.

I'm sure that the councils will and still continue to be there to fulfill the mission of Father Michael J McGivney and the various programs through the remainder of this Columbian year, and into the next fraternal year.

At this time, I would like to thank all the officers both on State and Council for all the work they have done. A special thank you to the wives of the Brother Knights of the district that I represent and to all the other districts as well for the support they have provided. thank you, ladies.

Fraternally and respectfully
John C Atkins
District Deputy #4

Message from DD #10

Brother Knights: with this pandemic on the go, there is a lot of programs and activities that would have been concluding at this time of year. This pandemic does not mean that we have to sit a ride it out, that would be the easy thing to do. Life is not easy. The COVID-19 pandemic gives us all an opportunity to show what the Knights of Columbus can do in these times. There is a saying that I use to use when I worked in the service industry, *(There are no such things as problems, there are only opportunities to show how good we are and what we can do.)* One of the Councils in my district have done just that. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville got together with a few of their members and put the question out there, what can we do. With the closure of the local Food Bank, there was their opportunity. Six Brother Knights

along with their Grand Knight put the wheels in motion and in short order opened an emergency Food Bank in Stephenville. They have completed 10 weeks to date and with that, they have given out in excessive of 11,000 pounds of food to some 475 families. Hats off to this Council.

I was appointed to this position in January by our State Deputy and I would like to thank him for the opportunity to serve as District Deputy in District 10. I would like to thank all 3 Grand Knights in district 10 for their support these past 6 months. Brother Hubert Hynes 9464, Brother Clyde Russell 3742 and Brother Jerry Lewis 9789. I would also like to say a special Thank You to all the wives, partners, better halves for your continued support to our Brother Knights. In most cases, if the Brother Knight did not have the support from his better half, then he would not be able to do what he does. This must be the article for clichés, *(Behind every good man is a better woman.)* Thank You

Fraternally
Bob Miller
District Deputy #10

CLOVID-19

Wash your Hands

Avoid touching your face

Social Distancing

Cover your face when coughing or sneezing

Stay home if not feeling well

Message from State program Dir.

Greetings Brother Knights, as this Columbian program year ends, I want to thank all our Councils and Members for the excellent work they have done throughout the year. It has been a trying time during the pandemic to perform such good programs and to complete all the good work Councils had started but at the end of the day we managed to succeed.

I want to say Thank You to those Councils that sent in reports for judging by the committees and as your State Program Director I took the time to review them and it amazed me the scope of the work Councils are performing.

An announcement will be forthcoming on all the winners for this Columbian year. If the organizational meetings in July go virtual. I encourage Councils to continue with the programs through the summer and think outside the box while our norm that we once had is turned over to a new norm.

On behalf of my wife Pat, I wish all Brothers and their families a healthy, safe and happy summer and hope to see you in person once again soon.

Fraternally
Brendan Vickers
SA State Program Director

Message from State Family Director

Brother Knights

As we come to the end of this Columbian Year, I would like to thank all our brother Knights that participated in the Family Programs. I also thank Fr. William Hearn for

his support of the Knights of Columbus Family Programs. In 1882 Fr. Michael McGivney developed our organization to care of the widows and children of the deceased members of the Parish. This Family Program developed into a most ethical life insurance program to ensure the financial well-being of the family group after a loved one passes on. I encourage all members to offer this opportunity to all Catholic men so they can protect their Families.

Society as we know it has dramatically changed the past few months and restricted our activities. However, it has presented a new opportunity for us to engage our families in programs. I encourage you to reach out to our loved ones and to engage them in programs that the K of C provide. You can conduct Family Prayer Night in your own homes and include those people that are in your bubble. This program can be found in the Faith in Action Booklet or at www.kofc.org/familyfullyalive. After our society's restrictions are lifted, expand this program to your Parish community.

We also need to include those less fortunate by assisting in the Food for Families Program. This can be done by volunteering in your local food Bank or by working with your pastor to acquire and distribute hampers to needy families. It is not always apparent who in your community require assistance, however with you pastor you can help people that you least suspect. Offer your assistance to assist to people in your community that are shut in by offering to pick up supplies, food, medicines, etcetera, for them. For those Brother Knights that have a green thumb plant some vegetables to donate to the hungry.

Also, you can start making plans to participate in future programs such as Family Week or Keep Christ in Christmas. Contact your parish or local community center to see what preparations can be done to be ready when our social distancing regulations are removed. Further information on programs can be found on the Supreme website <http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/index.html>.

Another opportunity for our members is to donate Blood. New regulations have been implemented to allow people who were not eligible to donate. Personally, I have been reapproved to donate after I was removed from the list in 2016 for a cardiac infraction. Up to that point I donated 89 times, mostly plasma and I can tell you there is a lot of self-fulfillment when you are informed that the recipient of your efforts is getting better. VOCM carried a news article on June 9th concerning the need for people to donate, please view it here <https://vocm.com/2020/06/09/blood-donations>. If you can't donate yourself, please encourage other people to donate on your behalf. In Canada fifty percent of the population are eligible to donate however less than two percent does. In a person's lifetime one out of two people will require blood or blood products.

A FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

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Composed by Pope Francis for the Feast of the Holy Family, 2013.

Vivat Jesus
Ray Bonia
Family Director

Message from State Youth Director

Brother Knights: It has been a pleasure to serve as State Youth Director for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador for this past Columbian year.

Some of the youth programs were delayed or canceled this year because of Covid - 19. It was a rewarding experience working with the state board and program director - Brendan Vickers.

There were entries for all the poster contests and the winners were announced.

The State Basketball Free Throw had to be canceled for this year due to the virus.

The topic for the essay contest this year was: *In What Way is the Christian Faith Relevant in the 21st Century*. All the entries were very well done. The winners will be announced soon by the State Deputy. We would still like to see more participants for the essay contest, I would like to thank the three retired teachers who did the judging for the essay contest, It was not an easy job but it was well done.

Thank you to all those who helped with the youth programs this year. Your support for the youth and the youth programs is greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish all brother knights and your families a safe and happy summer.

Fraternally,
John Thoms
State Youth Director

A Chuckle

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Conference, he acquired his size from too much pi.

Two hats were hanging on a rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, you stay here and I will go on a head

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

Dry or what

Message from State Scholarships

Brothers: Scholarships are available to students who will graduate Grade XII with honors standing in June 2020 and will be attending a Post-Secondary Institution in September 2020. The application deadline will be October 31, 2020. Information and applications can be found under Scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org.

I would encourage all Brother Knights to keep this information in your minds and to pass it along to any Brother you may-be talking to. I would also ask councils to advertise this in your Parish bulletins.

Fraternally
Maurice Lewis
Scholarship Chairman

Message from State Webmaster

The landscape of the Knights of Columbus has changed quite a bit in recent years. We can no longer rely solely on phone calls and mailings to communicate with our membership. In today's world of instant communications, we must be innovative in our efforts, and that's why we need to be part of the new digital world.

But as an organization we have already been part of that digital world with www.kofcnl.org. Our website has been live for a number of years and is a tool that can be a primary means of communication for our membership. It is how we advertise our lottery winners and provide information on scholarships. It is how we communicate to students the winners of our scholarships. It

is how the State Executive provides forms for councils at one spot that can be downloaded. At the past State Convention all necessary forms were available for delegates on our webpage.

It is incumbent on us all to become more familiar with modern communications and I certainly invite all to visit our website and to offer any suggestions that would make it more effective and efficient.

I certainly hope all our members and families keep safe during the present pandemic.

Fraternally
Patrick Craig PSD
State Webmaster

Message from State Lottery Chairman

Brother Knights, as everyone knows the State Lottery draw has been moved from April 25 to July 11. With the cancellation of the organizational meetings in Gander, the draw will still take place at 2;00 pm on July 11. All tickets and cheques need to be at Terra Nova Council in St. John's on or before July 10, 2020 in order for to have every-thing ready for the draw on Saturday, July 11th.

You may choose to send the ticket stubs and cheques directly to Brother Jerry Barker or to Brother Vickers if that is more convenient for you. If you have problems, due to distance, you can arrange for the person looking after sales in their council to contact Brother Vickers to arrange pickup.

We hope even with the COVID 19 pandemic these past weeks, that Councils will still have a successful State Lottery sale.

Over the next few weeks Councils will be informed of how your Fall Ticket Sweep tickets will be distributed. This year the ticket draw will take place on Saturday, November 21.

Jerry Barker
State Lottery Chair

Message from 4th Degree Master

Worthy Brothers and Sir Knights, To be a Patriot; here are some of the Master's thoughts.

The short and generally accepted description of a Patriot is a person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it.

In the Knight of Columbus, we hold true the duty to accept and support lawful authority while having allegiance to God and family first.

Here are a few stories. On the eve of her execution in 1915, for helping allied soldier escape from occupied Belgium, Edith Cavel made this remark. "Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realize that Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness toward anyone." This thought points to the precedence of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

"My country right or wrong is a thing no Patriot would think of saying except in a desperate case. It is like saying my mother drunk or sober."

So, Chesterton wrote in Defense of Patriotism in 1901. His point and ours is that

Patriotism is not blind and does not eliminate rightful protest to achieve reasonable and just change.

In "Two Cheers for Democracy" in 1951 E.M Forrester writes, "If I had to choose between betraying my friend or betraying my country, I hope I would have the guts to betray my country." Sometimes Fraternity and Charity trump Patriotism. It's a ponderous concept to contemplate.

Horace in ancient days said "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori" Lovely and honorable it is to die for one's country. And the war cemeteries and the Caribou Trail in Europe and Turkey attest to this truth that we celebrate on Remembrance Day. So as Knights we attend and participate in ceremonies to honor our brave veterans.

Jack Kennedy asked us "Ask not what your country and do for you - ask what you can do for your country?" So as patriotic Knights what can we do. Here are a few ideas. A Patriot always defends and proclaims our Canadian constitution. With our friends and family, we speak of our relationship with our Country. We stand up for and proclaim our Bill of Rights. We defend and stand for freedom of speech and religion. We promote the security of our persons from search and seizure and the right to a fair hearing before a jury of our peers. We proclaim the democratic process. We vote and encourage others to do the same at all levels of governance. All the rights proclaimed in the Bill of Rights are for us tenets to teach our children and friends. We announce the right to life and liberty.

So, our Patriotism requires thought and action. We must stand fast and true to proclaim it. So, we ask ourselves what we can do for our Country. And sometime here in this island home of ours there is an

opportunity to stand and be counted, to step up to the plate. Such as the 911 disaster, the Ocean Ranger disaster and the present Covid-19 pandemic. Being brother and sister keepers is patriotic.

Fraternally
Derm Whelen
Master



From the Alberta State Council Newsletter

Message from Editor

Brothers, so ends another fraternal year in a couple of days. One could say that this was a different year. (*Another saying, the worst of times can bring out the best in people*). Hats off to all Brothers who have stepped forward in these trying times.

Thank you to all contributors this past year. It is only through your submissions that we can keep putting out this newsletter.

Fraternally
Bob Miller
Editor

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE: PEACE OF MIND

Can your family survive without you?

It is an uncomfortable question, but an important one. How would your wife replace your income? What would happen to the house? How would your children pay for college?

As fathers, it is our job to make sure our families are well-protected and well-prepared. Of course, this duty along with all of the other responsibilities that come with the vocation of fatherhood can appear overwhelming. Our vocation begins to feel like a burden; it seems we will never again experience peace of mind, let alone financial protection.

Fortunately, as members of the Knights of Columbus, you have exclusive access to a tremendous set of fraternal benefits that can help you achieve peace of mind and provide the protection that your family needs and deserves.

Life insurance is a powerful tool that — properly structured — can help you secure your family's future. As a Knight, you have access to a whole host of life insurance products that can be either permanent or temporary (called "term").

Permanent life insurance is the Knights of Columbus' signature product. It provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's dynamic.

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It's simple and straightforward.

Both are designed for peace of mind.

Who needs it?

Life insurance may be an ideal solution for you if you are interested in:

- Providing money for your final expenses to remove the burden from your family.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of your untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Enabling your loved ones to pay off your personal debt — like credit card or auto loan debt — should you pass away suddenly.

- Leaving a donation to a charity or special interest after your death.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes that occur after you die.

Knights of Columbus life insurance products are flexible to fit your need. Contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent today and lay out a plan to help obtain peace of mind for you and your family.

During this time of COVID-19 pandemic, the financial strength and stability of the Knights of Columbus insurance and investment products may be on some people's minds. The Knights of Columbus remains strong and stable as confirmed by S & P Global Ratings report released in April 2020. This report ranked all its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. The Knights of Columbus are tied for first with five other companies out of a total of 66 companies with AA+ rating on financial strength and a stable outlook. The Knights of Columbus was listed as having a "very strong" business risk profile and an "excellent" financial risk profile.

All members and families should be informed about our insurance and investment products.

"Living a long life is a near certainty. Planning for it now is a necessity" (unknown)

"Consider buying life insurance not because you might die, but because your wife and children must go on living."

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

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