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Brothers, this is my last article for the Knightly News as State Deputy. By the time this edition is printed, I will have less than a week remaining as the State Deputy for this jurisdiction as my term of office comes to an end at the end of June.

It doesn't seem like two years since I was elected as State Deputy for Newfoundland and Labrador. And what a rollercoaster those two years have been.

No other State Deputy in Newfoundland and Labrador has had to deal with a global pandemic during his time in office. Covid-19 dealt a severe blow to the efforts to grow the order in Newfoundland and Labrador, and in fact it crippled most of the most councils in the jurisdiction over this past fifteen months. But we have, and are continuing to rebound, with vigor.

Councils have started to become active again, elections are being held, new officers are being installed, and programs are resuming. All these play an important role in keeping the Knights visible in our parishes and communities. That in turn helps attract new members – they see us doing things, and in a lot of cases feel like helping out in some manner. This can be, and often is, a first step in getting new members, getting them interested in our work.

We are here brothers, and we will be here for a long time to come.

Now I would like to take a few moments of your time to express my thanks to the State Officers who have had the distinct pleasure, some will argue otherwise, of working with me in my role as State Deputy over the past two years. Each of the State Officers has gone out of their way to help me in ways that are too numerous to mention. THANK YOU, Pat Gambin, Gary

Gallagher, Paul Baldwin, Brendan Vickers, Father Jeff Kolonel, and especially Immediate Past State Deputy Brian Hurley. My boat would have floundered more than once without assistance from all of you.

I'll express my thanks to other members of the State Team, District Deputies, State Personnel, and Grand Knights in the days to come in a more personal manner.

To all brother Knights in Newfoundland and Labrador though, I would ask that God bless

Message from State Chaplain



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit my brothers for the arrival of the summer season. The beauty of creation is all around us as we see the new life of summer. As we enter the ordinary time of the church year we are immersed in the warmth of the sun and greenery of the trees, the glory of the flowers and the freedom to move about unencumbered with winter attire. There is hope in our hearts that as the people of our province are vaccinated that there will be an easing of covid restrictions and the possible reunion of families together with their children and grandchildren living throughout our country. Soon many hearts will be lifted and glad to be re united with their loved ones and visitors welcome again in our homes.

As brother knights, we too are moving forward with meetings and events desiring to meet in real person and hopefully will be able to cast off the artificial world of virtuality. For me this will be indeed a blessing as I hope to be able to

and protect each one of you and your families in this great order that we serve.

I will still be here, but I'll be in the background. If you need or want help, you just have to call.

Vivat Jesus
Gordon
Leo Gordon Lannon
State Deputy, NL

meet my brothers in person as we resume some normalcy to our brotherhood, that is meeting and gathering in person.

I would like to thank our outgoing members of the state executive who have served so generously and well. Brother Gordon Lannon, State Deputy, Brother Pat Gambin, State Secretary, Brother Gary Gallagher, State Treasurer, Brother Paul Baldwin, State Advocate, Brother Brendan Vickers, State Warden, and finally Brother Brian Hurley, Past State Deputy.

For me personally they have been a fantastic support; as well as the tireless work they have done not only for the knights, but for the communities they serve and lead. I too would like to welcome the new incoming members of the executive as they too seek to serve with generous gifts and talents. Thank you to our grand knights and district Deputies for their tireless work and support. I would like to thank Bob miller for his 10 year work of overseeing as editor the "Knightly News"

and his gentle reminders of deadlines for submissions. The Lord's Blessings on you and your wives and families who support you and Blessings on all you serve.

As we renew ourselves these summer months may we continue to deepen our faith in the Lord through our attendance at Mass, the Holy Rosary, and Prayer. May we use this time to allow ourselves to be inspired by the beauty of Creation and each other always acknowledging the truth Ephesians 4:6 "one God is Father of us all, who is over all and through all and in all"

Have a Blessed summer brothers, enjoy the season, keep safe and May God Bless you and yours.

Fr. Jeff Kolonel
State Chaplain.

Message from State Secretary



Brother Knights, this will be my final message to our State Newsletter, as State Secretary of the Knights of Columbus for Newfoundland and Labrador. I want to thank everyone for your help and encouragement over the last two years and the confidence you have shown by electing me to this position. During my term as State Secretary, I have tried to keep the flow of information going to councils and individuals through different means such as e-mails, letters,

teleconferences, personal phone calls and other forms of social media.

COVID-19 threw a bit of a monkey wrench into our system fifteen months ago, but we adapted to the new challenges and carried on the work of the Knights of Columbus in spite of everything that came our way. As result of these challenges, I have learned more about computers and social media than I could have imagined 2-3 years ago. My typing has improved to almost 30 words an hour!!!

Seriously though, I have enjoyed communicating with all our members in different ways and means. I look forward to continuing this line of communication for the next couple of years in my new position on the State Executive. I am looking forward to the coming year in hope that there will be more face to face or As of now, our Organizational meetings are planned for an in-person meeting on July 19-11, 2021. This is for District Deputies, State Appointed Personnel and New /First Time Grand Knights. Looking forward to meeting you there.

In closing, let's keep the work of the Knights of Columbus going for the remainder of this Columbian year and for those councils who may not be meeting during, keep recruitment at the top of your "to do" list so that your council will get off to a quick start in September.

Be healthy and Be safe!

Pat Gambin,
State Secretary
State Deputy-Elec

Message from State Treasurer



Greetings to my fellow State Officers, State Chaplain Fr. Kolonel and my brother Knights. As I now finish my second and final year as State Treasurer, I now have a chance to look back and see what I have learned since I took on the treasurer's role. There are so many facets in operating the State Treasurers' function that most of you would be unaware, like filing CRA reports every year, dealing with auditors and ensuring that all councils receive correct assessment billings and then following up on each one to make sure they are remitted. I have processed hundreds of medical, travel and expense claims. These are all functions that make the operation run. My fellow State officers do the similar functions in their positions. I thank you for all your support. Your prompt payments, your support in selling tickets that give us funds to run the operation are all part of running the Knights in Newfoundland and Labrador. Finally, a big thank you to Bro. Bob Miller for his great work on Knightly News. On behalf of my wife Sheila and myself I wish all members a safe and happy summer. Kindest Regards,

Gary Gallagher
State Treasurer

Message from State Warden



Brothers, its hard to believe that another Columbian Year is ending. It has been an honor to serve as your State Warden/Program Director this past two years.

I take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thanks to our outgoing State Deputy Gordon Lannon. His leadership and guidance have made us stronger during the most difficult times.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate our newly elected incoming State Deputy Pat Gambin and our newly elected incoming State Warden Darrell Long.

Brothers, this was another difficult year in running programs, but I know Councils preformed to the best of their abilities. I would like to thank all Grand Knights, Program Directors and Brother Knights who organized and conducted the many and varied Council programs during this past Columbian Year.

Brothers, as we all know July 1 is the beginning of a new Columbia Year and I know Councils indeed take a break during the summer months but let us change this and start the new year off stronger than ever. Councils, please continue with the good works and programs of what our order is all about during the summer months.

Our organizational meetings are set for the weekend of July 9,10 and 11 in St. John's. I look forward to seeing everyone on person. This is an opportunity to plan and discuss how we as Knights of Columbus can be strong and successful for the future.

Brothers, during these meetings the Awards for both State and Supreme will be presented.

Brothers, on behalf of my wife Pat and myself I wish you and your family's a safe and Blessed summer.

Vivid Jesus
Brendan Vickers
State Warden/Program Director

Message from Past State Deputy



Brothers, I hope this message finds you and your families safe. It is hard to believe it has been 10 years since I was first elected to the State Board as State Warden. Over the past 10 years Bev and I have made many new friends during my tenure on the State Board and we have enjoyed our time and travels immensely.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those State Board members I had the privilege of working with, these include Past State Deputies Max Snow, Baden Clouter, Bernie Flynn, and Emile Cabot, State Deputy Gordon Lannon, State Deputy Elect Pat Gambin, State Treasurer Elect Gary Gallagher, State Treasurer Elect Paul Baldwin and State Advocate Elect Brendan Vickers. I would also like to thank Kevin Barron for his time on the State Board.

I would also like to extend thanks to all those Brother Knights who served as District Deputies and State Appointed Personnel during my time as State Deputy.

Thank you one and all, God bless everyone and please stay safe.

Viva Jesus
Fraternally,
Brian Hurley IPSD

Thank You

Message from DD #3

Brother Knights,

First of all, I commend all the Brother Knights of Mary Queen of Peace, St. Paul's and Father John B. Kent councils for all their hard work they have done to support their councils. Congratulations go to Mary Queen of Peace council for winning the State Faith award, St Paul's council for winning First Place State Community Award and Mary Queen of Peace for winning the Bishop R T McGrath Award, most improved Council. As always the efforts of all three councils were certainly noticed by their parishes and local communities.

During the past Columbian year, the councils participated in all of the Four Program areas. Our Brother Knights took on programs big and small to enhance the legacy of the Knights of Columbus, some of their activities included Special Olympics, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor and enhancing the spiritual activities of their Parishes. The newest initiative is a fundraising drive to support the Center for Life during this coming July and August. Fr Pat Power bequeath a quilt to the CFL to be used as a prize for a fundraiser. Councils in my district are eager to assist in this fundraiser.

As we start a new Columbian year the councils already have activities planned for the summer months and into the fall. I encourage the councils to continue their usual programs and consider new ones. Programs do not always require significant funding or even manpower. They could be as simple as providing transportation to your Parish Priest to enable him in his duties. I encourage the councils to record all their activities and document them.

Doing this immediately after the activity makes their annual reports much easier. Also, the reports are a valuable recruitment tool. While doing these activities especially in public, advertise your council by wearing K of C shirts or having your Council Banner present. We need to let the general public know what we do and what we are about!

Vivat Jesus
Ray Bonia
District Deputy # 3

Message from DD #5

District Deputy Dave Kenny District no 5. Brother Bob thank you for your faithfulness, also the dedication and time publishing THE KNIGHTLY NEWS for the past ten years, keeping the members of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF NL. informed of many of the happenings and greetings across this great province of ours, we all know that this past year has been incredibly stressful on most all of us and our families. We must remember that God is present in all of this. He doesn't allow things like this to happen and not bring something wonderful out of it, please be faithful to prayer.

Wishing all members and their families a wonderful summer holiday, I am looking forward to a great fraternal year 2021 22 God Bless Stay Safe.

Dave Kenny
DD #5

The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

Message from DD #7

Fraternal Greetings and best wishes from District #7:

District #7 has three active Councils: Monsignor Finn Council #5904, Father M.F. Hayes Council #7127 and St. Ignatius Council #13763. As District Deputy for District #7 it has been a pleasure to work with and to assist Grand Knights Pat Kennedy, John Power and Kevin Organ during my term as District Deputy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to join my brother Knights in extending a sincere thank you to Brother Bob Miller for the great work he did for the Order by publishing the Knightly News for the past 10 years. Thank you, Brother Bob, on a job well done.

Worthy Grand Knights may I suggest that you complete form 185 and submit it immediately after you hold your Council's election. If you have vacancies on the Executive, you can add them later. This form is an important one and it must be submitted early to ensure that the executive members receive the necessary information that will help them with their duties and responsibilities. Please place the completion of form 185 as the first item on your K of C to do list.

To the outgoing Grand Knights and Council Executive members I express sincere thanks to you for your service and cooperation during the past year. Your commitment and dedication to your duties has enhanced the growth of your Council, the District, the Jurisdiction and the Order.

My term as District Deputy is coming to a close and I take advantage of this opportunity to thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Have a safe and an enjoyable summer everyone.

Fraternally,
John George
District Deputy #7

Message from DD #10

Brother Knights, greeting from the 3 active councils that make up district 10, They are Father PJ Cooney Council 9789 in the Codroy Valley, Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville.

This will be my last message as District Deputy #10. I will be finished on June 30. Congratulations to all 3 councils for keeping the order going in these most difficult of times. Some councils are doing more than others, but all are doing some-thing.

I commend Councils 3742 and 9464 for conducting their election of Officers for the upcoming year. Both Councils have a complete slate of Officers for next year. Council 9789 are in the process of putting together an executive for next year and I wish them well.

Congratulations to my home Council, Council 3742 for receiving a number a awards at the virtual Convention held last month.

Thank you to our State Deputy Brother Gord Lannon for putting his trust in me this past 2 years as District Deputy.

Fraternally
Bob Miller
DD #10

Message from State Family Director

Brother Knights,

Councils continue to participate in the various family programs that our Order has to offer including; Family of the Month, Family of the Year, Family Day & Week Activities. Memorials, Roses for Life during Mother's Day, Family Rosaries and Masses, support for families of deceased members and numerous recreational activities.

Councils have submitted Family Activity Reports for the State's Family Awards and Councils have submitted their best family activity for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year as their entry for the Supreme Family Award. Thank you to these councils for your hard work at preparing these reports and congratulations to the councils that will have and will receive awards.

As we end our 2020-2021 Columbian year it is very important to recognize that our families are the backbone of our councils. Our wives, sons and daughters provide support to the Knights to enable our worthy programs. It is our duty as husbands and fathers to recognize this and to incorporate our families in our activities. Many family activities are listed in the Surge with Surge booklet that Councils can customize to their needs. A few suggestions are; schedule family gatherings, volunteer as a family, have your council hold a Family Fun Day after Mass or at your Parishes Garden Party.

Councils need to recognize family opportunities during the summer months. Partnerships with your parish can provide family opportunities that your council cannot provide on their own. An example of this would be Affirmation of wedding vows.

Another important date is August 12th, Father McGivney's Birthday. Councils can schedule a social to celebrate our founder's birthdate, hold a church drive to give other members of the parish an opportunity to join the K of C, an Admissions degree or start a Family Week. The opportunities for family activities are endless.

Thank you to all the council Family Directors for their efforts in enhancing their Councils Family activities the past Columbian year.

Fraternally

Ray Bonia
State Family Director

Family Prayer

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.

Message from State Life Dir.

Greetings to all Brother Knights

First and foremost, it is my pleasure to offer congratulations to our new state deputy, Brother Patrick Gambin, and his executive and to wish them every success for the coming year.

Yes, Covid 19 has been a setback for many councils. It now appears that it is somewhat under control because of vaccinations and covid health measures.

It is our hope that councils may resume their programs and meetings as pervious.

We were honored to have the Silver Rose in our jurisdiction for the first time this year. Due to pandemic restrictions many councils were unable to participate in the program. This year we are looking forward to all councils having the opportunity to reaffirm their dedication to the sanctity of life.

As you are well aware the Centre for Life was unable to carry out their normal fundraising projects for the past two years. In a recent conversation with the director, Linda Holden, the need for contributions is much needed. She is asking the support of all councils to help with a ticket sale on a quilt that is valued at \$ 900.00. It is my hope that all councils will participate in the selling of these tickets for a much needed and worthwhile cause.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Bob Miller for his dedication and commitment to the Knightly News for the past ten years.

I wish all my brother Knights and their families a very safe and enjoyable summer. Remember to stay safe.

Fraternally yours,
Eugene Hurley
Life Director

Life maybe like a game of cards; we cannot help the hand that has delt to us; but, we can help the way we play it.

Bishop Fulton Sheen

Message from State Youth Dir.

Brother Knights; As we come to the end of this Columbian year, I would like to thank all our brother knights who participated in our youth programs.

It was a trying year during the pandemic to try and complete our youth programs.

This year the basketball free throw competitions at the regional and state levels were canceled because of Covid-19. The poster contest competitions went fairly well. This year there was one council that had over a hundred participants.

In the next Columbian year when most people will be vaccinated we can look forward to a new normal and things will begin to improve.

Thank you for your continued support to our youth and youth programs.

I hope you will have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Fraternally,
State Youth Director
John Thoms

If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous

Message from Ceremonials Chairman

Ceremonials – Combined Degree – SC May 15, 2021

First, congratulations to WSD –Elect Pat Gambin and all of the State officers who were elected in their new positions for the Columbian year 2021- 2022 at the State Convention on May 15, 2021.

Conducting degrees and initiating men into the Order is not new to any of us. It is one of the most gratifying things we do as Knights of Columbus. The Combined degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was initiated in 2020 in which a new member can obtain their knight-hood degree in 30-35 minutes instead of the past 1-2 + years.

It's preferred that the Ceremony be performed live with a team of 4-5 members, but it is also acceptable to have candidates participate in the Ceremony using the prerecorded Video with use of a computer. The easy way to find the video (if you have not downloaded on a stick/thumb drive) is go to website CEREMONIALS@KOFC.ORG. – open Ceremonials Resources and open heading WATCH AND DOWNLOAD. The video will automatically start the degree presentation.

Whoever is responsible and those members who are going to assist with the degree, review the video prior to the actual exemplification so they will be prepared and familiar with, when to pause the video, Warden for unity demonstration and Grand Knight for distribution of Rosaries and Lapel Pins.

Usual Procedure for New Members

- Get new members committed to join
- Arrange a time to meet with Admission Committee
- Get application signed
- Have Constitutional Roll signed
- Set date, time and location for the degree. I.e. church, council chambers etc.
- Invite families, friends, acquaintances, parishioners

Video will require Grand knight, Warden, Chaplain. If Chaplain not available have DD , Gk or some other Council member say opening / closing prayer.

Degree Materials Required

Assisting members should be business dress with baldrics.

String / Rope for lesson on Unity

Rosaries and Lapel Pins

Also on the same slide of Ceremonials Resources you can down load the Combined Degree script for live ceremony or your FS can order a copy from Supreme Supplies on Line.

If you want to make a copy of the Degree Presentation please feel free to download the same to a computer or stick/ thumb drive.

Also on the same slide you can down load scripts for the Installation of Officers both live and virtual.

The District Deputy or Designate must complete Report Form # 450 (on-line preferred) after each Degree with the of new members and assigned council number. Copies to be sent to Ceremonials Dept. Supreme Council, State Deputy and State Ceremonials Chairman.

Ceremonials not only includes degrees but also Council Meetings and Protocols. In the Resources section go to Fraternal Operations and it will give you complete guidance, best practices, sample agenda's, scripts for Council and Executive Meetings.

Best wishes to all members for a safe, enjoyable summer. If any council or member has any questions or concerns about Ceremonials don't hesitate to contact me at 709-256-4530 or e-mail – billorielly@nl.rogers.com

Knights of Columbus State Council Scholarships:

Available to students who graduated Grade XII with Honors in **June 2021** and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: **October 31, 2021**. Information and applications under **scholarships** on the State Council website at www.kofcni.org.

Please note that Grandchildren of members/deceased members are also eligible to apply for all Scholarships this year.

Please advise all high schools in your area. Advertise in Church Bulletins and on Community Channels.

Maurice Lewis
State Scholarship Director

Editor's Note

Brother Knights, so ends another Columbian year. This year not so different than last year with the pandemic still on the go. The big difference this year is that this is my final edition of the Knightly News as editor. This is my 40th edition spanning 10 years. I was asked to try to see what I could do with it by then State Deputy Baden Clouter. Prior to that time was Brother and past State Deputy Sandy Lecour. Over the 10 year period, there have been some very fine Brothers come and go and there has been a lot of changes brought into our order by Supreme.

I have to say a very sincere thank you to all State Deputies (5) who had put their trust in me and asked me to stay on as editor.

To all contributors over the years, Thank you. I keep saying that with-out your input/ contributions, the Knightly News would not exist. What a wonderful medium of getting our good deeds and works out to all our Brother Knights around the province. The Knightly News is good news, it highlights what is going on, not what is not going on. (Figure that one out)

I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 10 years as editor, but the time has come for someone else to take over. As we keep saying at the Council level, with new blood comes new ideas and new idea's is what keeps our order strong.

To my wife Debbie who has been my editor, (she reads everything before it goes out) Thank you. We keep saying that, where would we be if we did not have the support of our wives. Certainly not where we are today.

Fraternally
Bob Miller
Editor

Ask Eligible Men to Join the Order

Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that **we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.**

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. **What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?**

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget **our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program.** This is often a “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. **Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family.** Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

A prospective member can now join online. Until June 30 a prospective member can join with no dues for the first year. To join online go to www.kofc.org/joinus and use the code MCGIVNEY2020.

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

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

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