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State Deputy's Message

Welcome to our 2023-2034 Columbian Year. We are "First in Faith...First in Charity"- our motto for this year, there will be more on that later. First of all, let me introduce myself as your new State Deputy. As a member since 1985, I have served in roles as Grand Knight, District Deputy, and all positions on our State Board. In April 2023,

State Warden and Program Director Ray Bonia.

I would also like to welcome returning Grand Knights and some new Grand Knights in a number of Councils. Welcome as well to new executives of Councils. I would also like to acknowledge the return of our Worthy Master of the

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I was elected as your State Deputy and installed by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly on June 6, 2023 in New Haven Connecticut. I have a great team supporting me including our new State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Edward Terry of Corner Brook Diocese. Other Board members include: Immediate Past State Deputy Patrick Gambin, State Secretary Paul Baldwin, State Treasurer Brendan Vickers, State Advocate Darrell Long, and

Forth Degree Sir Knight Gerard Butt. Brother Butt begins his fourth and final year as Master. We wish him every success as he leads our Fourth Degree Assemblies.

This year the emphasis is on first "Faith". The Order has introduced a new program called "Cor" which involves bringing faith back to individuals. The program is not fully rolled out in our jurisdiction but will soon

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become part of our overall programs. This year, we have been honoured to have the Relic of Bi. Fr. Michael McGivney in our presence. We are delighted that so many Knights, their families, our sick friends and Brothers were able to offer homage to the relic of our founder, it has certainly been an inspiration to me over the last months. Many thanks to State Warden Darrell and the team of helpers for the tremendous efforts in bringing the relic to the entire Province.

The second goal is "Charity". The Order is founded on the principle of Charity. When Bi. Fr. Michael McGivney

Message from State Treasurer

Dear Brother Knights:

Welcome back to the start of our Columbian year for 2023/2024 to all our councils after the beautiful summer.

All councils should have received your notice of the first assessments for 2023/2024 and some councils may have already or have prepared to pay such assessments. It is important and I stress this, that every council should be keeping dues and assessments current as it affects the councils standing with

founded the Order back in 1882 he did this to assist widows and orphans. These days our efforts in Charity have taken us in many directions allowing us to do some great projects such as: "Coats for Kids", Centre For Life, Food Banks, and "Filling the Hamper or Crib".

This is what knighting is all about. Every council should attempt to include these projects in your year's programs. Finally, let us renew our efforts in recruiting new members. Unfortunately, each year we lose many fellow Brothers. We mourn our loss. But they must be replaced by new members or

Supreme and State, as well as making your council eligible for awards and benefiting from our member medical travel fund.

I encourage councils to submit member medical travel claims on a timely basis. My advice is on a monthly basis if possible.

I also encourage all members with expense claims to submit them to the State Council on a timely basis for approval and not wait until the end of the year.

As you know our fall ticket sweep is in or should be in full sales mode. I want to encourage all councils to put a

the Order will not grow in our Province. Finally, on behalf of my wife Sheila, I wish all Councils and members every success in the coming year.

Fraternally,

**Gary Gallagher
State Deputy**

Vivat Jesus!



great effort in the sales or our fall sweep as the lottery is a major fundraiser to our jurisdiction and a major fundraiser to each council.

This supports the many worthwhile causes and projects in which we are involved in.

I look forward to working with all councils in the capacity of State Treasurer but please reach out to me for any manner and assistance.

Vivat Jesus!

**Brendan Vickers
State Treasurer**

Message from State Advocate

Worthy Brother Knights:

Welcome to fraternal year 2023 – 2024. We are already two months into the year, after a relaxing summer and good weather. Fall is here and it's time to roll up our sleeves and resume our good works, in support of our church, our order and communities.

As we know, certainly a number of challenges in our own jurisdiction. Poverty is at an all-time high so in addition to our good works, let's pray for assistance from our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney as we move forward in planning programs.

As this new fraternal year begins, I have now taken on the responsibility of State Advocate assuming the role of "a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy". In our case, that refers to my role to assist councils or individual members with questions or concerns that relate to Knights of Columbus constitution, by laws and business/issues.

Whatever your question or issue is, the order has a number of online resources that can assist in many areas, such as the Grand Knights' guide, the Fraternal planner

and so forth. If unsure, your State Executive is only a phone call or e-mail away.

I wish you and your families a productive year filled with much fraternalism combined with family, church and community outreach.

The Father McGivney Relic tour continues and will be concluding in our midyear meetings. Take advantage of the last events coming up.

**Vivat Jesus!
Renew...Rejoyce...Knights
Rise Up!!!**

**Darrell E. Long
State Advocate**

Message from Immediate Past State Deputy

Brothers, I want to take this opportunity to send out a huge "Thank You" to all the members who helped us as a jurisdiction to achieve the Circle of Honour for our jurisdiction last year, in membership intake. This includes everyone who helped in programs, activities, or any facet of the Knights of Columbus to grow the Order during my two (2) years as your State Deputy. A special thanks goes out to the Grand Knights, the District Deputies, State-Appointed Personnel, Directors, the Fourth Degree, State Executive, and each

individual member who helped in any way with recruitment of new and former members.

I want to especially say thank you to Father Jeff Kolonel for his spiritual guidance as our State Chaplain in his term of office. He was always there to lend support whenever called on to do so. All the best, Father Jeff!

Thanks to all the returning GKs, DD'S, and Directors, as I look forward to working with each one of you again this year to continue the great works of the Knights of Columbus. To the members who held some of the above-mentioned positions and have moved on from those positions, thanks for last year's great effort. You were part of a very successful team.

My congratulations are extended to the new State Executive under the leadership of State Deputy, Gary Gallagher on being elected to the various positions. On behalf of all the Knights in our jurisdiction, I wish the new State Executive a banner year in all aspects of our Order. Also, a special welcome goes out to our new State Warden, Brother Ray Bonia.

Thank you to everyone for your support and guidance over the past two (2) years.

Let's work together for the benefit of all!

Pat Gambin

Immediate Past State Deputy

Message from **District Deputy #1**

Brother Knights:

The three councils in District 1 were busy during July and August planning for the arrival of the Blessed Michael McGivney relic. During September, all three councils, Dalton Council, Avalon Council, and Msgr. McCarthy Council had different events planned. Sunday Mass was celebrated in 5 different churches, St. Joseph's in Kingston, St. Patrick's in Carbonear, St. Joseph's in Riverhead, All Hallows in North River, and St. Patrick's in Brigus. Four different priests were involved in the different parishes: Father Alejandro Credo, Father Anthony Nwoko, Father Julius Nwosu, and Father Emmanuel Osuagwu.

Rosaries were prayed in the homes of brother knights, widows, families, council chambers, and in two cemeteries, Immaculate Conception Cemetery and St. Patrick's cemetery.

The Relic was also present for the Installation of Officers at Msgr. McCarthy Council,

Carbonear, and the Fourth Degree Installation of Officers at Dalton Assembly, Harbour Grace.

All in all, the reception and veneration of the relic was a great success and a great contribution to the prayer life of parishioners in this area. It was extremely meaningful to bring the relic to Brother Knights and widows who were unable to attend the public veneration. Kudos to those who helped to organize, carry out, and participate in the different events.

All three councils now have their election of council officers completed with Dalton Council completing its election in September in the presence of the relic. All councils are meeting regularly and conducting activities in their respective parishes, and each council has appointed a chaplain for the current year. However, some work needs to be done on making sure that chaplains are encouraged to attend meeting and provide the necessary spiritual guidance that's so necessary for the Order and the individual Councils.

As well, there seems to be some gaps in the implementation of Cor in this district/area. Councils do not seem to understand this initiative. This will be important as Brother Knights continue to grow in their

faith. Thus the implementation of Cor, an initiative focused on prayer, formation, and fraternity, could be a most important way to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in their Catholic faith.

On September 9, 2023 all three councils supported and attended a "Prayer Service for Peace in our World" hosted by Dalton Assembly at St. Patrick's Church in Carbonear. Perhaps now would be a good time for all three councils to come together with all priests in this area and plan a special mass centered on Blessed Michael McGivney and the blessings he might bring to all parishioners.

Gerard Butt

District Deputy #1

Message from **District Deputy #5**

Congratulations to the new State Officers, Council Officers, and members of all councils of NL for the year 2023-24. Wishing all of you the very best in all your events in which you will be involved in your Parishes and communities. This is a special year; it started for the K of C membership at our 105th State Convention. We welcomed our founder, Blessed Michael

McGivney, through his relic which we have in our midst. It is only the second time that his relic has been outside of the USA. We are blessed, all is needed is one more miracle for sainthood. If you or someone you know have a special need, please don't hesitate to ask for his intercession. The needs in our world today are many. Our church and our world is in crisis. We need all the prayer celebrations, rosaries, holy hour masses that we as a community can celebrate to help resolve some of the problems that we are presently experiencing. Please do not miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. The K of C and our parish communities are needed at this time to help make a difference in our world.

Regards,

Dave Kenny
District Deputy #5

Message from **District Deputy #9**

I hope you all enjoyed a summer with great weather, family and friends and that you are all refreshed. I bring you greetings from District # 9 which includes Archbishop Howley 2581 in Corner Brook, Archbishop Neil McNeil 8555

in Pasadena and Monsignor Walter Brennan 8749 in Deer Lake.

I am honoured on returning for a second year as District Deputy #9. As well, I welcome back our District Warden, Brother Michael Leonard, who brings many years of experience and Knowledge in the Knights of Columbus. I am very pleased that Michael will return to help with District duties.

The three councils held its District organizational meeting on August 27, 2023 in Pasadena with representatives from all three councils in attendance.

There is a new Grand Knight at Archbishop Howley 2581 in Corner Brook, Brother Brian Terry, who will lead the council for this Columbian year. Monsignor Brennan 8749 in Deer Lake has a new Grand Knight as well, Brother Wayne Bennett. Archbishop Neil McNeil 8555 in Pasadena is very honoured on having Grand Knight Terence Mugford, return for the new Columbian year. All three councils are busy in their continuation of spiritual and corporate works in order to help all the churches in the district.

This past summer, each council had the opportunity to host the Father Michael McGivney relic tour in

District #9 and I would like to say, it was a great success. Our Faith Director for NL, Brother Brian Terry and with the help of our Brother Knights did a remarkable job in helping all parishioners become aware the importance of the relic and able to see our Knights in action.

Each council in the district has now held executive and regular meetings within their perspective councils, and more planned each month.

I would like to thank all council members in the district to continue to promote the four pillars within the Knights of Columbus of Faith, Family, Community and Life and thank every one of our Brother Knights in our three councils for your hard work and dedication.

I hope to continue to meet all our Brother Knights in various meeting and functions this Columbian year.

Fraternally,
Michael Connolly
District Deputy # 9

Message from State **Family Director**

Brothers,

As we continue through this Columbian Year, I would like

remind councils of the struggles that our local food banks have in meeting the ongoing demands for families in our communities. As food prices continue to rise and food banks closing down, an alarming number of people require assistance and rely on these food banks. I encourage your council to get involved with our Food for Families program, which provides councils with a refund of \$100 for every \$500 dollars or 1,000 pounds they donate up to \$500 per fraternal year. For more information, please visit www.kofc.org/food.

A reminder to councils of our Family of the Month/Year. Once a year, each participating council selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention. For Family of the Month Councils can participate by filling out form # 10784. For Family of the Year form # 10680.

Fraternally,

Gerard Walsh
State Family Director

Joint Message from **Past and Current** **State Membership** **Directors**

Brothers,

We accomplished our mission in achieving the Circle of Honor for our jurisdiction, the first such achievement since 2008-2009. Congratulations to all who went the extra mile to ensure this was achieved. Thank You! Special thank you to PSD Pat Gambin, online director Sir Knight Gerard Butt, GK Wayne Furlong, Terra Nova Council, who at the last minute recruited 2 online members to put the jurisdiction over the top, and all District Deputies, Grand Knights and members who did their part to make this happen.

We now set our goals on this Fraternal Year. We can do this again. However, we need many more members especially our leaders who must take recruiting members more seriously. As leaders in this jurisdiction and if you have not recruited a member in years, can you honestly say that you have recruitment at the top of your priority list? Let's all put it there this year so that come June 30, 2024 we can all say "*I did my part*".

Brothers, we are constantly reminded that membership is

the backbone of our Order. Without recruitment of new members, the writing is on the wall for our councils and indeed this jurisdiction. We owe it to the members who have gone before us not to let that happen.

We have a long list of former members in this jurisdiction. There are former members on that list waiting to be asked to come back. Show them and their families and indeed all prospects the benefits of coming back/joining---scholarships, hostel fund, member/spouse medical travel fund, free accidental death insurance benefit for them and their spouse, insurance coverage for their families from a company owned by the members and is a top rated company in North America, remembrance in daily mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven after their passing, and the list goes on.

Students who graduated Grade 12 in June this year are an excellent source of new members. I recruited a graduating Grade 12 student in early June this year. By joining they are eligible to apply for all State Scholarships. Some councils do not charge dues to these students while they are attending a post-secondary institution.

Brothers, the new members are out there, we just have to connect with them and ask them to join and give them good reason to do so.

Our final draw for the incentives for the last quarter of the past Fraternal Year has taken place at the Organizational Meetings on July 22-23. I have very few Form 100s. I am sure that there are forms that I do not have. Please get them to me so that the recruiter, Grand Knight, and District Deputy can have their names in the draw.

The following is a glimpse at how our membership recruitment efforts progressing so far this Columbian year. In July and August, we have added 8 new or former members to our jurisdiction with an overall gain of 11 members. We are almost at the end of our second month of the Columbian year and I realize that many councils have not held regular monthly meetings since June. I trust that councils have been on the lookout for new or former members throughout the last 2 months and will be ready to do exemplifications when your councils get started up in September. There are some exemplifications by 2-3 councils in early September and I want to encourage councils to inform other councils of the dates so that

more than one council can avail of the exemplifications.

Please continue to encourage prospects to join Online and then migrate to a council of their choice. Online is a great tool to get new members into your council. If you have any questions, please contact our Online director, Brother Gerard Butt.

Also, just a reminder to send a copy of the Form 100 for new members to Brother Maurice Lewis in order to qualify for the recruitment incentives.

I look forward to working with all of you to have a successful year in recruiting in 2023-2024. Every new or former member that we can recruit means that we are growing as an Order and we will have extra hands to help councils carry on the good works in our programs. Let's get all our councils active in recruitment for the benefit of each council in particular and the Order as a whole.

2023-2024 Membership Incentives

- 1) All proposers from July 1 to August 31, 2023 entered in a draw for \$100.
- 2) The Fraternal Year will be divided into 4 quarters—(July, August, September) (Oct., Nov., Dec.), (Jan., Feb., March), (April, May, June). For each quarter a draw for \$100 will be held for:

- a) Proposers---name entered for every member proposed
 - b) Grand Knights---name entered for each member recruited in his council
 - c) District Deputies---name entered for each member recruited in his district
- 3) Any proposer recruiting 10 new/former members receives \$100.
 - 4) Grand Knight of a Star Council receives \$100.
 - 5) District Deputy of a Star District receives \$100.
- Brothers, our quota this year is 115 new/former members. We can reach this quota if everyone pulls in the same direction. Incentives work, but we all have a responsibility to let the rank and file membership know that these incentives are available.

**Maurice Lewis/Pat Gambin
Past and Current State
Membership Directors**

Message from State Membership Director

Brothers, even though most of your councils have already had or will have your first regular monthly council meeting soon for the Columbian year 2023-2024, there has been a fairly high level of work taking place in regard to recruitment of new and former members. During the months of July, August, and September, our

membership has grown to almost 30 New/Former members through transfers, re-admissions, reinstatements and inviting Catholic gentleman to join our Order.

Even though we have stated many times that Recruitment is the responsibility of every member of the Knights of Columbus, all councils are not buying in to message. This is evidenced in the fact that many councils have not recruited a new or former member in 5- 10 years, and in some cases longer. These councils are experiencing difficulties running programs and holding productive meetings. Members are getting burnt out since they must do more work and take on more responsibilities. On the other hand, councils that have recruited on a regular/yearly basis has seen improved programs and increased enthusiasm in their councils. I feel that this resurgence in councils is due to the infusion of new ideas, new blood and new energy that comes from the presence new members.

We need to get, at least, one member in each of our councils to become the membership director of the council. If you don't feel comfortable asking/inviting a Catholic gentleman to join your council, you can pass the information on to your council's membership

director. If that fails, you can get in contact with Pat Gambin and Maurice Lewis, since we are both on the jurisdiction's membership team. If you think Brother Lewis and/or I are too shy to invite new members, then you can follow up with Brother Ray Bonia who has put a great deal of effort into recruiting in the past couple of years, especially in regards to Exemplifications and follow up on the prospects through online registration. Another option is to contact Brother Gerard Butt who is well-versed in the procedures involved with becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus Online. These are some of the options that are available to anyone who wants to GROW the ORDER through recruiting.

Last year, we achieved the Circle of Honour by reaching our intake goal in membership. The intake goal this Columbian year is 115 new/former members. We reached our goal last year on the backs of approximately 15 out of 34 councils, which is less than 50% of councils actively recruiting and almost one-half of the total numbers resulted the online registration Process. Just imagine what we could achieve if all 34 councils actively recruited new members and what benefits your council, your Parish, and your community would reap,

not to mention your jurisdiction and the Knights of Columbus worldwide!!

With the need for new blood and new ideas in our councils, I want to ask and every council to make recruitment of at least one member to your council this year. Everyone will benefit from this effort. I also want to encourage the councils that are already recruiting to continue to do so. They might also look at mentoring another council to show them what works for you. We can learn from each other.

On that note, let's all put a strong effort into recruitment in order to keep Blessed McGivney's mission alive for the betterment of society as a whole.

Working together, we can achieve our goals.

Pat Gambin
State Membership Director

Message from Fourth Degree Master

Brother Knights/Sir Knights:

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus has existed in Newfoundland and Labrador for over 100 years, with the first assembly starting in St. John's in 1916. Today there are 13 active

assemblies with numbers ranging from 11 Sir Knights to 182 Sir Knights. We have a total of 874 Sir Knights on the roster, which is down 60 Sir Knights from last year. This is my fourth and final year as District Master. I have yet to visit 3 of these assemblies because they have not had any meetings.

The Fourth Degree Knights concentrate the majority of their activities on the principle of Patriotism, with Assemblies being focused throughout the year on receiving the Supreme Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs. Last year, 8 assemblies were eligible and applied for the Supreme Civic Award. Assemblies encourage and allow different members to get involved on events like July 1st, Remembrance Day, Flag Day in February, High School Speaking Competition in the spring, and so on. Most assemblies meet and continue to plan for some special event, a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride. While not all Sir Knights will participate in Honor Guards, the Fourth Degree continues to provide Guards of Honor at

Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications, special church celebrations, and many other civic or patriotic functions. While there are presently approximately 25 Sir Knights with the new uniform, many Sir Knights dress with their social baldric for Memorial Masses for deceased members, funerals, Ordination anniversary Masses, Exemplifications, Installations, parades, special feast days in the church, rosaries, etc.

The Fourth Degree continues to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster a spirit of patriotism in our members and throughout the entire community. The Fourth Degree remains motivated to be a group of outstanding Sir Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country and our Order. We had our 4th Degree AGM in April with representation from 10 assemblies.

This past year in Newfoundland and Labrador with the Relic Pilgrimage of Blessed Michael McGivney, Fourth Degree Honor Guard were quite prevalent at all Council relic events.

In the meantime, Assemblies are encouraged to recruit new members, and we expect to have two or three Exemplifications this fall, albeit small in the number of new members. With the exception of two or three Assemblies, the future looks optimistic and hopeful. Most Assemblies have officers in place, and presently we will have had 3 Installations of Assembly Officers.

I am thankful to the State Council, all Faithful Navigators, District Marshals, Officers, and Sir Knights across the Province for the work they are doing in each Assembly.

As we continue our journey in this new Fraternal Year, may it be for all of us, a time of moderation, spiritual discipline, renewal and growth. And may all Brother Knights and their families be inspired to new hope, happiness, prosperity, and abundance.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Gerard Butt
Fourth Degree Master



Message from Online Membership Chair

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, and Brother Knights:

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP in the Knights of Columbus was introduced in 2017 to allow Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus by completing an online application and short ceremonial. These men would then be Associate Members under the jurisdiction of the State Council of the state in which they reside. Men who entered the Order through the online initiation would be permitted to purchase insurance, even though they have not taken the First Degree, and the Supreme Secretary would issue a membership card to the new Brother Knights.

Every state council is authorized to accept members through the online membership initiative. The Supreme Council office administers the state divisions, including the collection of dues and the issuance of membership cards.

Men who join the Order through the online membership initiative do not form a new class or type of member. Therefore, as members of the Knights of Columbus they are entitled to the rights and privileges of membership, which include being eligible: to attend local, state, and Supreme Council events, to attend local council meetings as nonvoting participants, to receive fraternal benefits, to purchase Knights of Columbus financial products and services, and to receive the

Columbia magazine and other Supreme Council publications.

Men who join the Order online are encouraged to attend local council business meetings, and encouraged to become members of that council.

So far this year, 10 new members have joined online in NL. Last year we had an all-time high of 52 members joining online. Our all-time intake for Online Membership is 125, with 48% of these so far converting or migrating to a local Council.

Please consider promoting Online Membership

Gerard Butt
Online Membership Chair



Message from State Vocations

Today, I presented Fr. James Fleming (our State Vocations Director) with a check for \$500.00 to go to the seminarian fund for Mr. Chris Quigley who is studying for priesthood



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Knights of Columbus Insurance

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St. Teresa Council Report

Members of our council led the Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa's Parish on Friday, March 17, 2023. Knights served as Candle Holders, Lectors and Cross Bearer for the event with many others in attendance to help with organizing. This gave our council a great opportunity to showcase our support for the Parish.

Our council hosted the Silver Rose Prayer Service & Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions at St. Teresa's Church on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. The service was part of our council's monthly Rosary that included a procession of the Silver Rose led by our Grand Knight Bon Fagan along with members of our council, our Council Chaplain Fr. Ciro Perez C.Ss.R., and members of State council. The Rosary was led by our Faith Director with a

Rosary intention announced dedicated to the Silver Rose program and the advocacy of human life at all stages. This was followed by members of our council and State council reciting a decade of the Rosary. Pictures from the event are included above. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

On Friday, June 23rd, St. Teresa's council hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity Ceremony. Nine candidates joined the Knights of Columbus. In attendance, our Chaplain Fr. Ciro Perez, State Deputy Brother Gary Gallagher, State Advocate Brother Darrell Long, State Warden Brother Ray Bonia, Grand Knight Brother Bon Fagan, Deputy Grand Knight Brother Phil

Fahey. Presenter's Charity: Brother Frank Follett, Unity: Brother Tom Hickey, Fraternity: Brother Doyle Rose and members of other councils.

On Wednesday, July 5th, our council held their Installation of Officers at St. Teresa's Church. Conducting the event was our District Deputy Brother Frank Follett and his Intern Warden Brother Tom Hickey. Also, in attendance was our State Deputy Brother Gary Gallagher & State Warden Brother Ray Bonia. Members of our council and families were also in attendance, as well as the CNIB NL, which is our new cause for our weekly crib tournament.

Members of St. Teresa's Council 7702, volunteered their Saturday to wash cars for a modest donation to support our charities. \$950.00 was fundraised that day for their efforts.



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Msgr. Wm. Williams 8640 Council Report

Congratulations to Bro. Charles Crann & his wife Nora for being chosen as a winner in the Family of the Month program for the month of August. They will receive a Holy Family gift for their home. They were just one of 100 names chosen last month.

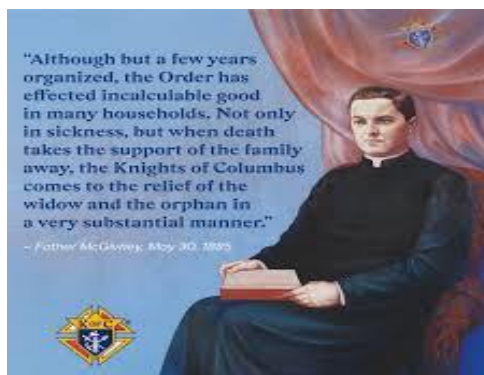
Fr. Michael McGivney Relic

On August 28, this Council held a Mass for the deceased members of Msgr. Williams Council and the former Tracey/Murphy Council, Plate Cove. The mass was said by Fr. Gabriel Awuafor. The names of the deceased members were read by Bro. Francis Fennell. During mass, veneration of the relic was held.

On August 30, the Relic was on display during Mass in Bonavista. The mass was organized by Bro. Tony Ricketts & his wife Aletha, and was said by Fr. John Agim. During mass, Bro. Tony read a short history of Fr. McGivney. Veneration of the relic was held after mass for those present.

During their weekly parish sick calls, Fr. Gabriel Awuafor of King's Cove & Sister Elizabeth Whalen of Plate Cove carried the relic with them when visiting parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish, Plate Cove.

Jerry Barker, FS, DD



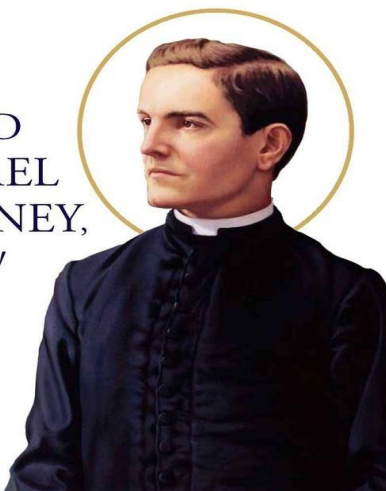
Our Lady of Assumption Council Report

The Relic was celebrated and venerated at 3 parishes: Assumption Parish in Stephenville Crossing, St. Joseph's Parish in St. Georges, and St. Anne's Parish in Flat Bay.

One parishioner at St. Anne's had mobility issues and extremely difficulty walking. She venerated the relic and shortly after, she reports that her mobility issues were gone and she no longer needed her walker. She believes she truly felt the power of the relic of Fr. McGivney which she attributes to improving her ability to walk.



BLESSED
MICHAEL
McGIVNEY,
pray for us!



Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Scholarships are available to all students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2023 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Applications for all **State Scholarships** will soon be due. Deadline for applications is **October 31**. I am asking, no begging, all of you to advertise our Scholarships widely in High Schools in your area, in Church bulletins, on Face Book pages, on Community channels, in emails to all members if you have email addresses for your members, and by word of mouth.

All information needed and applications can be found on our website at www.kofcnl.org under scholarships.

Our State Council Scholarships can be a great recruiting tool. Students that graduated in June 2023 are most likely 18 years old and are eligible to become members. Let those students know that by joining our Order they are eligible to apply for all scholarships. I recruited a Grade 12 student in May past and as a result he can apply for all 3 scholarships. We have to let students and their parents know this information. They will thank you for the information.

Let's commit to spreading the word widely about our scholarships.

Caleb Tibbs, son of Bro. Stephen Tibbs and grandson of Bro. Terry Tibbs was awarded a **K of C Supreme Scholarship** this year---\$1500 per year for 4 years. **Congratulations Caleb!**

M. Lewis
Scholarship Director



Message from State Newsletter Editor / Public Relations

In just a blink of an eye, the 2022-2023 Columbian year came to an end, and before we knew it, the 2023-2024 Columbian year is in full swing. Many councils throughout our province continued their activities over the summer, but it was also a good time to rest and rejuvenate for the upcoming year. I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable summer and relished in the warmth that God provided to us over the last 2-3 months. Now it's time for us Knights to get back to work! I want to wish the State Executive, all appointed personnel, all councils, and all Brother Knights/Sir Knights all the best for this Columbian year.

I was a bit late getting started with the newsletter this year as I had been out of province for almost 3 weeks. However, I would like to thank State Deputy Br. Gary Gallagher for reappointing me as the newsletter editor. I hope to continue to provide quality newsletters again this year, but that depends on your reports, articles, pictures, and submissions. The newsletter is a way for members across our jurisdiction to be connected. Perhaps there are activities that a council has done, which could be easily completed by another council. It's great to share ideas, initiatives, and ideas. When activities are successful, it boosts morale of members of the council. Members get a sense of fulfillment when participating in *"Faith in Action" – Faith, Family, Community, and Life*. The earlier you can submit your newsletter entry, the better it is for me. As I said before, I really enjoy reading about the good work our Order does in our beautiful province. Being visible in the community is a great recruitment tool!

Speaking of recruitment, let's work together and achieve our quota of 115 members again this year. Reach out to men of your respective parishes, former members, and students. I had great pleasure to recruit my own son to Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing and he will be exemplified into our Order this week. I have confidence that recruitment efforts will be an on-going activity with all councils.

Fraternally,
Roland Castillo
State Newsletter Editor / Public Relations



**“Membership empowers
individuals to make a
difference, to have an impact
on their community and the
world.” – Unknown**