



# Knightly News

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## State Deputy's Message

Brothers, it has been just over three months since our last edition of the Knightly News. Shortly after our last publication, we were hit with more restrictions as a result of higher incidents of COVID cases. Since late December or early January COVID restrictions were put into place that made it difficult to hold meetings and to carry on works of the Knights of Columbus. Some councils

able to carry on with programs and activities that are part and parcel of the Knights of Columbus. As a result of the earlier restrictions, membership intake has suffered due to Exemplifications not being held. Now that many of the restrictions are eased, I want to encourage all councils to renew efforts to get back on track with programs and membership which are both

***“Please re-start scheduling Exemplifications”.***

continued to hold virtual meetings in order to carry out the business of their councils. Thank you to all the councils who have continued to find ways to complete required forms and carry on their business to help their Parishes in a number of ways during this time of dealing with the COVID restrictions

As of March 14, 2022, many of the restrictions have been lifted and, hopefully, our councils will start holding regular meetings and will be

equally vital to the Knights of Columbus Organization if we are to continue to grow and survive. Please re-start scheduling Exemplifications.

The State Convention is scheduled for April 22-24, 2022, at the Capital Hotel in St. John's. We hope to see many of you there to participate and enjoy some fraternity which has been in short supply for the past couple of years due to COVID restrictions. The Convention will be a time to

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share ideas and to take stock of our achievements in programs and membership. We still have approximately five (5) weeks before Convention to try and recruit new/former members to our councils and approximately 9-10 weeks to the end of the Columbian year to continue recruiting.

As a result of the closing of Parishes and the selling of Church properties, many of our councils located in the Archdiocese of St. John's will be affected in one way or another. I want to urge all these councils to look to the

future to see what this means to each council individually and to the general membership. Members of the State Executive have plans to meet with any and all of the councils who wish to discuss this situation. I ask all councils in our jurisdiction to keep the Brothers of the affected councils in your thoughts and to provide any support you can to them. This will be a challenge but with a positive attitude we can work through it.

In closing, I want to thank each and every Brother Knight for your efforts so far

this year and, even though COVID restrictions are being lifted, please continue to be safe and healthy by following the guidelines that are in place regarding sanitizing and social distancing as much as possible.

I hope to see and chat with many of you at the Convention in April.

**Fraternally,  
Pat Gambin  
State Deputy**

### **Message from State Treasurer**

My Brother Knights, as we get back to some sort of normal, I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Convention in April.

As State Treasurer I want to thank all the Councils for submitting their Second Half Assessments and active participation in the State 50/50 draw again this year. Thanks to Brother Jerry Barker and his Lottery committee for all the work they do for our Order.

While the Order continues to do works of Charity for our communities and our parishes, the Knights of Columbus must grow to

survive, if we are to maintain our good works and acts of charity. I encourage each one of you to reach out to a Roman Catholic gentleman and offer him membership in our Order.

I want to thank all councils that have continued to do good work during the pandemic and ask you to share your success with other councils, together we are stronger.

The State Executive continues to support each Council and feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions you may have. I would be remiss if I did not thank State Deputy

Gambin for his leadership during a challenging Fraternal Year.

As this is "Come Home Year" in our Province, I hope that many of you have an opportunity to see family members that you have not seen in a while due to the pandemic. Treasure the memories that you will make. My wife Christine and I look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

**Paul R. Baldwin  
State Treasurer**

## **Message from State Advocate**

Greetings to all my Brother Knights,

As we approach the last few months of this challenging Fraternal Year, I hope each and every Council can finish out the year on a high note.

As we enter into the final months and as the Government lifts public health restrictions, please keep in mind that Covid-19 is still amongst us and will be for the foreseeable future. I encourage Councils to practice safe health measures and begin the phase of living with Covid-19.

Brothers, it has been a tough 2 years but we must try to get back to some kind of normal. That includes getting back to in-person Council meetings, recruiting new members to grow our order, maintaining the routine Council business, and continuing with the good works of our Order.

I know many Councils in the St. John's Archdioceses may be facing difficult times ahead but remember, you are not facing them alone.

If you need any advice, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As Brother Knights, we will work together to overcome these obstacles we face.

Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world in which we live.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention in April.

Vivat Jesus!

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

## **Message from State Warden**

Greetings Brother Knights,

For us Knights and our fellow Christians, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 is the beginning of Lent, a time for focused prayers and fasting as we walk with our Lord Jesus Christ towards Holy Week and Easter. It was good to see crowds at mass again. Let's reach out to our priests and parish councils, just to say hello and welcome everyone back. Easter notes the death and resurrection of our Lord and it is the beginning of spring and rebirth.

These past Columbian Years have been difficult to say the least and I commend all members of the order for their perseverance. Councils have

had to adopt to both virtual meetings and programs to the best of their ability and it is a good example of the adaptability and determination of our order. Fundraising and fiscal management to keep Councils operational have been a challenge, but you my fellow Knights have risen to the occasion. As we prepare for our State Convention, let us resolve to move forward together, planning ways to renew our past successes and strive for new goals and ideas.

Our programs continue to be an excellent guideline for Councils to reach out to help both the Church and Community during these difficult times. Adaptability is the key! We are reminded daily, that as difficult as things can sometimes be, there are always others having even more difficulty as they make their way through life.

Brothers, as the restrictions that have hampered our lives these past years are now lifting, let us seize every opportunity to express our faith and display the very principles that define us as Knights and Christians - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. As the State Convention approaches, I have been reviewing the many council reports that you have been submitting; some outstanding initiatives and

creativity. Our Convention will not only showcase these good initiatives, but will allow for councils to network and share their ideas.

It was a difficult year but I want to take this opportunity to thank each Knight and your Councils for your good works this past Columbian Year. Here is to coming out of this Pandemic and looking forward to the new challenges the next Columbian year will bring. Prayer is tantamount to evolution of the faith and change. Our St Joseph Icon's remains available for use.

My Brothers, in closing, please pray for the people of Ukraine and their plight. Let's us ask our Lady of Fatima to intercede on their behalf. Let Our Lady's peace reign in the hearts of all humanity.

***Ukrainian Solidarity Fund***  
(Details on the [kofc.org](http://kofc.org))

Vivat Jesus!

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

***Father McGivney, prayers for our order and Community***

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

Brothers, as we enter into Spring, we are also into the Lenten Season, and the fourth quarter of this Columbian Year.

This is the most Holy part of the Year for Christians, but for many Christians in Eastern Europe, this is anything but a Holy Season. The Russian invasion of the Ukraine has cast a pall over most parts of Eastern Europe and the rest of the world.

Friday, March 25th, the Holy Father, Pope Francis will do the Ceremony of Peace and the Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary from Rome. Archbishop Peter Hundt will do the Ceremony and Consecration Friday as well from the Basilica in St. John's.

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, she promised that when the Pope, in conjunction with the Bishops throughout the world, consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart, there would be a period of peace in the world and that Russia would be converted.

Both ceremonies will be livestreamed at 1:30 pm Friday.

Brothers, please consider participating in this Ceremony with the Pope and Archbishop Hundt, and other Bishops around the world to bring peace to this region.

Brothers, I wish you all a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming State Convention in St. John's. It'll be the first time in two years that we as a group will be able to meet face to face.

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

**Message from**  
**District Deputy #10**

Brothers, as the restrictions imposed because of Covid-19 start to lift; activity is resuming for the councils in District #10, Fr. P.J. 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.

Each council in this district has now held one or more face to face meetings, and more are planned for the coming weeks and months. Councils are starting to conduct activities as well, Our Lady of Assumption and Our Lady of Perpetual Help have both held ceremonies with the new Icon, St. Joseph, and plans are being made to hold an activity with the Icon in the Valley in the next week couple of weeks.

The Icon then travels to another part of the west coast,

Corner Brook and area, and from there it goes onto Labrador.

Councils are also making plans to attend the first face to face State Convention in two years. The convention is slated for the weekend of April 22-24 in St. John's and each of the councils in District # 10 will have at least one representative in attendance.

In line with the Convention, the date for the annual State Lottery has been changed. It was scheduled for the weekend of April 30th but has now been moved back to the Saturday of Convention, April 23, 2022. The draw for the 50/50 prize will take place immediately following the State Dinner at this year's State Convention.

Brothers, we are drawing ever closer to Easter, and as such I would like to extend to each member of District # 10, as well as to their families, the hope of a happy and holy Easter.

See you at Convention.

**Gordon Lannon**  
**District Deputy # 10**

### **Message from State** **Faith Director**

Fraternal greetings to all brothers and families. As

Covid regulations are lessening, may we move forward in good works with renewed faith, hope and the charity that is characteristic of our order. The Holy Lenten Season of prayer is again with us. May we make as much of it as we can. The "Jesus Prayer" is one of my favorites. It is simply "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, be merciful to me a sinner". You may say it anytime, anywhere, and as many times a day as you want. It is a lovely meditation. It will be wonderful to get back to full conscious and active participation in our liturgies, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Synod, called by Pope Francis, is a good focus for us as Knights as we strive to improve our worship both in community and as individuals. May our deliberations in this cause be fruitful.

Again this year, we are broadcasting the Holy Rosary on Bay Of Islands Radio, 100.1 FM, on the Fridays during Lent, at 7:00 pm. May all our penitential efforts be pleasing in the sight of Almighty God and His Blessed Mother. Be blessed and blessing. Blessed Michael McGivney pray for us.

With all Fraternal wishes and prayers for a prayerful and safe remainder of lent and a Joyous Easter Season!

Fraternally,  
**Brian J. Terry**  
**State Faith Director**

### **Message from State** **Life Director**

Greetings to all Brother Knights!

As Covid 19 restrictions have been somewhat lifted, it is my hope that councils are ready to resume their programs as done in the past.

We need to show public support for the Right to Life. All councils are encouraged to participate and support pro-life causes. I encourage councils to conduct masses for people with special needs, lead your communities in prayer to promote the protection of life, support the Centre for Life, bring awareness and support the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, work with Special Olympics and promote the Silver Rose program.

This year, for the second time, we participated in the Silver Rose Program. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, a virtual Prayer Service and Rosary was held with many members and their families taking part. On March 8<sup>th</sup> St. Theresa's Council also conducted a virtual service and on March 9<sup>th</sup>, I had the

privilege to attend Rosary and Mass in their church to pray for respect for life and advance the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Many thanks to all who participated, especially to Brothers Gerard Butt and Gerard Walsh, for their expertise and co-operation in making this possible.

The Centre for Life needs all councils and brothers to take out a membership as they need funds to help promote life and conduct their programs.

I encourage all Councils, brothers and their families to pray for an end to the conflict happening between Russia and the Ukraine.

In closing, I would like to wish the State Council every success with the up-coming state convention and I hope to see many of you there.

Yours fraternally,

**Eugene Hurley**  
**Life Director**

### **Message from Fourth Degree Master**

Joining the Fourth Degree should be a logical step for any Knight interested in demonstrating his national pride and reaching his fullest potential in the Knights of

Columbus. This is why Assemblies are encouraged to recruit new members and make sure members experience the value of joining. Assemblies have to provide viable programs for the benefit of all members and society at large.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established on the principle of patriotism — love for and devotion to one's country — and Fourth Degree Knights must focus the majority of their activities on this principle.

Assemblies can embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism by being focused throughout the year on receiving the Supreme Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs. Assemblies need to encourage and allow different members to get involved on events like July 1st, the first Monday in August, Labor Day in September, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Flag Day in February, and so on. At every meeting there should be planning 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. However, all Sir Knights can dress with their social baldric for Memorial Masses for deceased members, funerals, Ordination anniversary Masses, Exemplifications, parades, special feast days in the church, 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.

In the meantime, Assemblies are encouraged to recruit new members. Remember that all Third Degree Members, who have not yet advanced to the Fourth Degree, are all prospects for our Assemblies. We look to the future with optimism and hope.

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

Keep up the great work. There are currently 14 Assemblies in NL, with a total of 975 Sir Knights on the roster.

As we journey through the Lenten Season, may it be for

all of us, a time of moderation, spiritual discipline, and spiritual preparation for Easter. Let us set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ — to consider his suffering, his sacrifice, and most importantly, his resurrection. And may all Brother Knights and their families be inspired to new hope, happiness, prosperity, and abundance. Happy Easter to All! Stay safe, and stay healthy.

**Gerard Butt**  
**Fourth Degree Master**

### **Message from Online Membership Chair**

So far this Fraternal Year 2021-2022, there have been 7 new Online Members in Newfoundland and Labrador, and 2 of these prospects have already migrated to a local council. Since the creation of the Online Membership initiative in 2018, there have been 56 new Online NL Members, with 56% transferring to a council. Since its inception the total online joins worldwide is close to 70,000. And in the current Fraternal year 61 % of the total membership growth in the US and Canada has been by online intake.

Currently in Newfoundland and Labrador, there are 11 unassigned online members wishing to join a local council

but have not indicated which one. Some of these members have been waiting since the last fraternal year. There are also 8 assigned members who have indicated they wish to join a specific council, and 6 of them have been waiting since last year. There are also 22 members who have been assigned to our State Council 98059.

So as you can see, there are a number of members who joined online who are still waiting to be contacted by a local council, waiting for the local admissions committee, or waiting for the Combined Degree Exemplification team. As well, some online and some members who have migrated to a council are still waiting to know more about local council meetings and activities. Some new members are interested and still waiting to be engaged on the local level.

One way to entice Online Members to migrate to your local council is to invite them to local and State sponsored events. Since these members are online, maybe the best way to make contact is through email. Regardless, it is important to get online and recently migrated members involved early. Introduce him to the officers and his brother knights, and convey the message that his assistance is vital to the health of the council and the community.

Free Online Membership is still available until the end of December at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). To learn more about Online Membership, visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

**Gerard Butt**  
**Online Membership**  
**Chairperson**

### **Supreme Council Scholarships**

Scholarships are available to students who will graduate Grade XII with Honours in June 2022 and will be attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. **Application deadline: May 1, 2022.** Information and applications can be found under scholarships on the Supreme Council website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Follow instructions to get an application.

If you encounter problems please contact **Maurice Lewis at 709-447-4461.**

Please advise all members with children in Grade XII in your area.

**Maurice Lewis**  
**State Scholarship Director**

## *St. Teresa's Council 7702 Program Update 2021-2022*

### *Faith*

#### *Virtual Rosary*

Hosted every Tuesday 8:00 pm on ZOOM.

**Gerard Walsh Life Director is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting;**

**<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/2950848731?pwd=SkxNYWM2Rzk2eVhabWhOaVh0WVVtZz09>**

A special prayer intention to protect us from the coronavirus (Omicron) was prayed and honored to the health care workers.



#### *Check-in Process for Mass*

Members of St. Teresa's Council 7702 have been heavily involved with ushering and taking attendance in the church before mass started as well as for the sacrament of Baptism, as well as live streaming the regular masses. 6 members are involved in this task, which is very important to follow the Covid-19 orders set out by the Chief Medical Officer of NL.





## *St. Teresa's Council 7702 Program Update 2021-2022*

### *Rosary and Mass*

Our monthly Rosary and Mass resumed in the church on June 2, 2021. The rosary was led by our Faith Director, Doyle Rose.



### *Community*

#### *Kids Eat Smart Foundation*

As in previous years, St. Teresa's Council 7702 donated \$1000 to the Kids Eat Smart Breakfast Program so that students can start off their school day with a nutritious meal. The donation was presented by several of our members at St. Teresa's School.



## *St. Teresa's Council 7702 Program Update 2021-2022*

### *Coats for Kids*

Our council was heavily involved with Coats for Kids Campaign. A number of coats were donated and distributed to St. Teresa's School, to very needy children in our parish.



### *Family*

### *Food for Families*

On November 28 the Holy Heart Alumnae Choir performed a Park and Sing fundraiser in aid of St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Hampers. A large turnout was treated to a wonderful choral performance. At the conclusion of the event, the Choir presented a cheque to SDVP in the amount of \$5000.00, the result of the Choir's fundraising efforts and performance. Many members of St. Teresa's Council 7702 were on hand to help with organization and making sure that the event went smoothly. Members of our council helped with traffic control as well as organizing food donations.



## *St. Teresa's Council 7702 Program Update 2021-2022*

### *Donations to St. Vincent de Paul*

As with previous years, St. Teresa's Council 7702 donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in December 2021 to provide their clients with a Christmas Hamper. Grand Knight Cyril Synard made the presentation of a \$4000 Cheque to St. Vincent de Paul President Austin Hawley and a member of our council.

### *Life*

#### *Novena for Life*

*Our council prayed 16 Novenas for Life:*

Divine Mercy Novena, April 2, 2021 to April 11, 2021

Mary Undoer of Knots Novena, April 22, 2021 to May 14, 2021

Novena for the Cause for Life in Canada, May 5, 2021 to May 13, 2021

Novena to the Holy Spirit, May 23, 2021 to May 31, 2021

Novena to Saints Peter & Paul, June 20, 2021 to June 29, 2021

Novena to St. Anne, July 17, 2021 to July 25, 2021

Novena to St. Alphonsus Ligouri, July 24, 2021 to Aug.1, 2021

Blessed Michael McGivney Novena, August 5, 2021 to Aug.13, 2021.

St. Monica Novena, August 18, 2021 to August 27, 2021

Novena for Marriage and Family, August 30, 2021 to September 8, 2021

St. Theresa of Lisieux Novena, September 22, 2021 to October 1, 2021

St. Jude Novena, October 19, 2021 to October 28, 2021

Christ the King Novena, November 12, 2021 to November 20, 2021

Immaculate Conception Novena, November 29, 2021 to December 8, 2021

The Coronavirus Novena, December 8, 2021 to December 17, 2021

Christmas Novena, December 16, 2021 to December 25, 2021

## **Knights of Columbus Insurance: Our Guarantees Set Us Apart**

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## *Knights of Columbus Insurance: Our Guarantees Set Us Apart*

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