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102nd State Convention
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Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

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Brothers,

Attached please find a copy of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador.

These minutes will be presented for adoption at the Virtual Annual State Convention for this jurisdiction on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

I would ask you all to review the minutes, and if you find there are any errors or omissions, to please contact me, or any of the State Officers, prior to the meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Fraternally,

Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

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101st State Convention
Gander, NL
April 26th to 28, 2019

On **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00AM**, State Deputy Brian Hurley was advised by State Warden Paul Baldwin that all present were possessed of the proper membership card. The **Opening Prayer** was offered by State Chaplain Fr. William Hearn, and the **Opening Ode** was sung.

The State Deputy advised the meeting that Past State Deputy Mike Tobin would be the 'Parliamentarian' for the 101st State Convention.

Moved by the Worthy Warden and seconded by Terra Nova Council 1452 that **the rules be relaxed to allow the wives/ladies to attend the opening session**. Carried.

The Annual Meeting was **officially opened** by the State Deputy.

The State Deputy introduced the **Head Table Guests** and himself: Supreme Trainer Denis Belanger, Supreme Canadian Growth Director Paul Perry, State Chaplain Fr. Hearn, Past State Deputy Emile Cabot, Fourth Degree Master Dermot Whelan, State Advocate Gary Gallagher, State Secretary Gordon Lannon, State Warden Paul Baldwin, and the State Deputy Brian Hurley.

The State Deputy then proceeded to show a video: **Greetings from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson**. The Supreme Knight wished all present to enjoy a weekend full of Faith and Fraternism. He spoke on the numerous accomplishments of the Order this past year, especially membership growth. He said we had much for which to be thankful. The timeless values of the Order - Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - continue to provide hope to our society. The Knights of Columbus solidarity with Christians around the

world and especially persecuted Christians is to be applauded. The Faith in Action program continues to drive our councils' good deeds, and he thanked everyone for their service and effort, and wished us success in the year ahead.

(At this point, Father Ray Earle, our Vocations Director, was recognized as he joined the Head Table guests.)

State Deputy's Report: State Deputy Brian Hurley then gave his Annual Report to the 101st State Convention. (Report attached in appendix.)

Moved by Terra Nova Council 1452, and seconded by Father Hayes Council 7127 that the State Deputy's Annual Report be accepted. **Carried.**

State Chaplain's Report: State Chaplain Fr. William Hearn was attending his first convention as State Chaplain. He noted that his Brother Knights were very involved in the work of the Church, and the Faith in Action program was quite evident in all the parishes. Father Hearn offered his prayers and support for the Order in the name of the Church, and asked Councils to continue the good work that they freely do.

The State Deputy thanked Father Hearn for his remarks.

The State Deputy asked the Warden to please escort the ladies from the meeting.

Greeting from the Fourth Degree Master: Master Dermot Whelan spoke about the new fourth degree uniform and the idea of being open to change. The Supreme Master has decided to retire the old regalia as of June 30, 2019. Master Whelan spoke about our first degree pledge to follow the laws and rules of the Order, and asked Navigators to encourage Sir Knights to assent to this change.

Greetings from Supreme: Brother Paul Perry, our Supreme representative, brought greetings from Supreme and expressed gratitude to NL State for supporting the programs of the Church and community. He acknowledged the contribution and accomplishments of Councils and Parishes in NL as evident in the service provided by the Faith in Action program. He also spoke about

recruitment, engagement, and awareness as the key focus for the coming year. He noted that new candidates, who are vital to the future of the Knights of Columbus, will be inspired to join by our example and actions. Members will become engaged through our Faith in Action activities that will appeal to different people and serve our parishes well. In this regard, the Pastor/Parish Priest becomes our best recruiter. He concluded by expressing gratitude for all that the Knights do.

The State Deputy thanked Bro. Paul Perry for his remarks, and noted there would be District Deputy training provided after coffee break.

At this point, the State Deputy acknowledged and welcomed our **newest Insurance Field Agent**, Bro. Eugene Costello, who will cover the needs of members in Labrador.

Coffee Break at 10:10AM.

10:35AM Opening of Official Business

State Secretary Gordon Lannon conducted the **First Roll Call** of registered delegates from the various councils.

Moved by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council 5662 that the Official Agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

Appointment of Committees: The State Deputy advised that the following Committees for the State Convention 2019 are in place: *Credentials, Audit, Protocol, Greetings, and Mileage and Per Diem.*

Moved by Bishop Sheffer Council 6378, and seconded by Archbishop Neil McNeil Council 8555 that the **Minutes of the 100th State Convention** be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

Moved by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council 5662, and seconded by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 that the **State Officers Reports** be accepted as presented in "State Reports Booklet." (See Attachment.) **Carried.**

Resolution Briefing: Resolutions Committee Chairman Gary Gallagher presented twenty- eight Resolutions for acceptance or rejection of which Nos. 13, 15, 17, 19, 24, and 25 were questioned. (See "Resolutions" booklet.) State Advocate Gary Gallagher advised that resolutions may be addressed by any Brother Knight, but only Official Delegates are able to vote.

Resolution No. 13: State Scholarships was questioned. The number of scholarships had been reduced from 5 to 4. There was considerable discussion, centering on the implementation of the Channing Scholarship for this school year, and the funds from one less scholarship were to be used to cover the new scholarship for this year. A vote was called. Resolution No. 13: **Accepted.**

Resolution No. 15: Dorothy M. and William Channing Scholarship was questioned. Amendment proposed: that the winners of State and Jubilee Scholarships be ineligible for this scholarship. A vote was called. Resolution No. 15 as amended: **Accepted.**

Resolution No. 17: Member Medical Travel Fund was questioned. There was some discussion. A vote was called. Resolution No. 17: **Accepted.**

Resolution No. 19: Support of Sick Children's Hostel Fund was questioned. No discussion. A vote was called. Resolution No. 19: **Accepted.**

Resolution No. 24: Disposition of Proceeds of Annual Fall Lottery was questioned. There was some heated discussion on the negative impact to Councils. A vote was called. Resolution No. 24: **Accepted.**

Resolution No. 25: Streamlining of Membership Dues "Collection Process" was questioned. There was some discussion on the process for the removal of inactive and insured members. Bro. Paul Perry explained the present process for the suspension of "inactive members." There was further prolonged discussion on this process, and it appeared that it might need to be streamlined. A vote was called on the Recommendation of "No Action." Recommendation: **Accepted.**

State Deputy welcomed Auditor Richard Power.

State Deputy Adjourned the Morning Session, and Chaplain Father Hearn offered the **Closing Prayer** at 12:20PM

Following Lunch Break, State Deputy Called the **Meeting to Order** at 1:30PM.

State Secretary completed the **Roll Call and Update**.

Report of Appointed Committees:

Audit Committee Report: Chairman, Bro. Gerry Puddister presented the Audit Report. Having met with State Treasurer Bro. Patrick Gambin, the "State Treasurer's Report" was considered by the committee to be a positive report.

Moved by ST Bro. Patrick Gambin, and seconded by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 that the State Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

It was noted that Brother Richard Power from Clarendville has been doing the audit for the past 10 years, and deals with the Operating Fund, the Hostel Fund, and the Charity Fund. Bro. Power is a member of Msgr. William Council 8640.

Mileage and Per Diem Committee Report: Bro. Gambin spoke and introduced the Chairman, Bro. Wayne Furlong. The rates and reimbursement for travel and accommodations remain the same as before.

Moved by Terra Nova Council 1452 that the Mileage and Per Diem Committee Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Credentials Committee Report: Chairman, Bro. Desmond McCarthy noted that all delegates to the Convention are properly authorized.

Moved by Conception Council 1930, and seconded by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902 that the Credentials Committee Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Greeting Committee Report: Chairman, Bro. Phil Hurley noted that Greeting Forms have been collected and presented to the State Secretary for appropriate action.

Moved by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902 and seconded by Terra Nova Council 1452 that the Greeting Committee Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Next Speaker: **Gilles Seguin, General Agent**, Insurance Agency. He updated the Convention that there were now 3 agents in the jurisdiction, and recognized Field Agents Terry Tibbs and Maurice Lewis for the work they do, providing a service to protect the families of members. He noted that Eugene Costello from Labrador will be joining the NL agents for a compliment of 3, and that the Insurance Program is the financial engine of the Knights of Columbus. He mentioned that he had spoken to the ladies during their luncheon, stating that recruiting new members gives them access to our valuable insurance products. He also spoke about Online Membership, an initiative to recruit potential members, and help these men become more familiar with our Order.

Next Speaker: **Field Agent Maurice Lewis**. Bro. Lewis spoke about the benefits of purchasing insurance from the Knights of Columbus, noting that many of our Supreme Charity Projects are funded by insurance premiums. He stated that the Insurance Program has some of the best insurance products on the market.

The State Deputy thanked Gilles Seguin and Maurice Lewis for their presentations.

Father Ray Earle, our Vocations Director, asked about the e-membership process. Discussion about the benefits of e-registration followed, with the explanation that this was just the first step in the process. These e-registrants are not full members, but hopefully will transition to a Council with entry into the First Degree.

Next Speaker: **Supreme Trainer, Denis Belanger**, was asked to speak by the SD to the Convention. Bro. Belanger spoke about the importance of recruitment and bringing in new members.

Next Speaker: **Father Ray Earle, Vocations Director**, was asked to speak by the SD to the Convention. Father Earle spoke about vocations to religious life, and in particular asked the assembled brother knights to encourage young men to become priests.

2018-19 Special Olympics Report: Special Olympics Chairman, David Delaney, spoke briefly on this year's report. He noted that the Special Olympics is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Canada this year which is a huge accomplishment. The Knights of Columbus NL State Council is a sponsor of the Special Olympics in Newfoundland and Labrador. Bro. Dave Barker noted that seven Councils had submitted Reports this year; however other Councils have supported the Special Olympics and provided financial assistance. He encouraged all Councils to get involved.

State Council Scholarship Report: Bro. Maurice Lewis, Chairman, had submitted a written report on the State and Jubilee Scholarships for 2018-19. He reminded the Convention about the deadlines for applying for these scholarships, as well as for the Supreme Scholarship.

The State Deputy reminded everyone about the **Mass** at 5:00PM at St. Joseph's Church and the **Holy Rosary** at 8:30AM on Sunday. Convention Banquet tonight at 7:30.

Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Ray Earle.
The meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.

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The **Sunday Morning, April 28, 2019** session began with the **Holy Rosary** at 8:30. Fr. Ray Earle offered a Prayer for Vocations. Worthy Master Derm Whelan led the rosary.

State Deputy Brian Hurley **Called the Meeting to Order** at 9:00AM.

Opening Prayer was offered by Fr. Ray Earle.

Final Roll Call by State Secretary Gordon Lannon.
There were 59 voting delegates registered, and present for the Sunday morning, April 28, 2019 session.

Election of State Officers for 2019-20 was conducted by Past State Deputy Emile Cabot. PSD Baden Clouter, and PSD Maurice Lewis were appointed scrutineers for the election.

Position of State Deputy: Gordon Lannon – nominated by Archbishop Neil McNeil Council 8555, and seconded by Holy Trinity Council 9807. Moved by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902, and seconded by Conception Council 1930 that nominations cease. **Carried.**

Gordon Lannon acclaimed State Deputy for 2019-20.

Position of State Secretary: Patrick Gambin – nominated by Archbishop Howley Council 2581, and seconded by Terra Nova Council 1452. Moved by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council 5662 that nominations cease. **Carried.**

Patrick Gambin acclaimed State Secretary for 2019-20.

Position of State Treasurer: Gary Gallagher – nominated by St. Mary's Council 13320, seconded by Holy Spirit Council 6792. Moved by Terra Nova Council 1452, and seconded by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 that nominations cease. **Carried.**

Gary Gallagher acclaimed State Treasurer for 2019-20.

Position of State Advocate: Paul Baldwin – nominated by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902, and seconded by Fr. Hayes Council 7127. Moved by Archbishop Howley Council 8521, and seconded by Terra Nova Council 1452 that nominations cease. **Carried.**

Paul Baldwin acclaimed State Advocate for 2019-20.

Position of State Warden: (1) Brendan Vickers – nominated by Dean Patrick Cleary Council 6672, seconded by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902.

(2) Bill Dormody – nominated by Bishop Sheffer Council 6378, seconded by Mary Queen of Peace Council 7405. Moved by Msgr. Brennan Council 8749 that nominations cease. **Carried.**

Voting for one of the nominees:

Brendan Vickers elected as State Warden for 2019-20.

Election of Delegates to Supreme Convention

The current State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy were automatic attendees. Needed to elect **two more delegates** and one must be an Insurance Member.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council 5662, and seconded by Terra Nova Council 1452 that there be one election for the two delegates. **Carried.**

(1) Paul Baldwin – nominated by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902, seconded by Avalon Council 2232.

(2) Patrick Gambin – nominated by Archbishop Howley Council 2581, seconded by Terra Nova Council 1452.

(3) Jerry Barker – nominated by Father McCormack Council 5769, seconded by Msgr. William Council 8640.

Moved by Msgr. McCarthy Council 5902, and seconded by Fr. John B. Kent Council 6638 that nominations cease. **Carried.**

Voting for two of the nominees:

Bro. Paul Baldwin and Bro. Pat Gambin were elected as the other delegates to the Supreme Convention.

Four Alternates for the Supreme Council:

(1) Gary Gallagher – nominated by St. Mary's Council 13320, seconded by Conception Council 1930.

(2) Brendan Vickers - nominated by Avalon Council 2223, seconded by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742.

(3) Bill Dormody – nominated by Holy Spirit Council 6792, seconded by Bishop Sheffer Council 6378.

(4) Jerry Barker – nominated by Fr. John B. Kent Council 6638, seconded by Conception Council 1930.

Moved by Fr. John B. Kent Council 6638, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Whelan Council 5662 that nominations cease. **Carried.**

The above are the four alternates for Supreme Convention.

Moved by Terra Nova Council 1452, and seconded by Conception Council 1930 that the ballots be destroyed. **Carried.**

State Deputy spoke about delegates going to Supreme Convention; in his opinion, they should automatically be Executive Officers.

Protocol Committee Report: Chairman, Bro. Mike Connolly spoke on the report, noting that there were two issues: cell phones not being turned off during meeting, and no flags at the Banquet last evening.

Moved by Archbishop Howley Council 2581, and seconded by Mary Queen of Peace Council 7405 that the Protocol Committee Report be accepted.

Carried.

There was also a reminder that all present in the meeting should stand when a priest or other religious enters the room.

Lottery Committee Report: Chairman, Bro. Jerry Barker noted that there was a decrease in ticket sales in this current lottery, meaning less profit for the State. There were 400 fewer tickets sold for this lottery, meaning \$16,000 less in profit from last year.

Bro. Barker thanked the committee members, and noted that a list of winners is now available for last night's draw.

Trivia Contest: Question forms for the Trivia Contest had been handed out, and were now collected. PSD Emile Cabot went down through the answers. Those that successfully completed the form were then given a chance to choose prizes.

Vocations Director Father Ray Earle addressed the Convention before he left to go back home for a prior commitment in Paradise. He expressed gratitude to all Knights of Columbus in NL for their work and prayers.

State Deputy Brian Hurley made a presentation of a certificate to the family of the late District Deputy Larry Hynes, expressing sympathy from NL State.

There was some discussion on the cost of tickets for the State's two lotteries. There was no written response from any Council on the price of tickets, which are presently \$40.00 for the Spring Draw and \$1.00 for the Christmas draw. No changes were put forth for action.

23 Councils and 2 individuals responded to a request to help the family of a Grand Knight who recently passed away. A cheque for \$5,950 was sent to the Financial Secretary of that Council for presentation to the family.

The **102nd State Convention** will be held in Gander on April 24-26, 2020.

Good of the Order: A number of Brother Knights and family members were mentioned, and the gathering was asked to keep them in our prayers.

State Deputy thanked Bro. Denis Belanger and Bro. Paul Perry for being present. He also thanked any other brother knight who had helped make the 101st Convention successful.

A **Closing Prayer** was offered. **Closing Ode** was sung. The Convention was declared over at 10:40AM.