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102nd State Convention

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March 29, 2020
Founder's Day

Leo Lannon
State Deputy
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Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Lannon:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and all my brother Knights of the Newfoundland & Labrador State Council. In this time of worldwide uncertainty due to the coronavirus pandemic, it is prudent to conduct the business of your state convention virtually. Yet even amid the current disruptions, you and your brother Knights are called to be men of hope who must provide for the continued growth and good works of our Order.

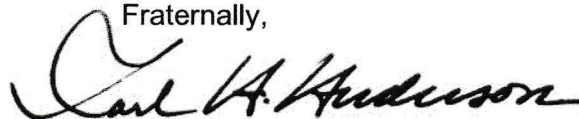
Each Knight participating in this convention has been entrusted with a sacred mission based on the vision of our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. As his spiritual sons, we carry on the vital work of building up our parishes, passing on the Catholic faith in our homes and ensuring the financial protection of our families. Father McGivney's life and legacy should inspire us each day as we continue to pray fervently for his canonization.

As we mark our Order's 138th anniversary amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for the Knights of Columbus is greater than ever before. Through the Order's *Leave No Neighbor Behind* pandemic response program, we can reach out to our brother Knights and their families, as well as to fellow parishioners, neighbors and the broader community. Our world needs Knights who will step out into the breach as sterling examples of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, offering a helping hand where one may be needed during this challenging moment in history.

Finally, I express my sincere gratitude to you, the state officers, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and each brother Knight who has contributed to our Order's mission in Newfoundland & Labrador.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and guide your virtual proceedings and protect the health of every Knight and his family, and may Venerable Father Michael McGivney intercede for us all.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carl A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "A".

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

State Deputy Address

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Master 4th Degree, Worthy State Directors, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates and Brother Knights, I extend a sincere welcome to our 102nd State Convention.

On behalf of all Brother Knights in this jurisdiction, I would like first of all, to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the spouses of our members for the continued support given to their husbands, and in many cases to their (the spouses) involvement in the many activities of the Knights of Columbus.

I would also like to express sincere appreciation to the members of the State Executive for their dedication and work in ensuring the events and activities for this Convention are in order.

I welcome our State Chaplain, Reverend Father William Hearn. We thank him for finding time in his busy schedule to accept the role of State Chaplain and for arranging his schedule to be with us this weekend.

Now, on behalf of you, the delegates to this 102nd Annual State Convention, and the first Virtual State Meeting, of the Knights of Columbus for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, and all my Brother Knights and their families, I renew our commitment to our Holy Catholic Church, Our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Hundt, Bishop Daniels, Bishop van Roijen and all our Priests. We will continue to be the strong right arm of the church. I also renew our loyalty and dedication to our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors.

In concurrence with the Laws of the Order and State Council By-Laws, it is my privilege and duty to conduct the business of our order at this Annual General Meeting with my first duty being the presentation of my Annual Report.

Brothers, as you are aware by now, this is NOT in any way, shape or form, a conventional Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention.

The worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic has played, and is continuing to play, havoc with the plans of not only the Annual State Convention for this jurisdiction, but also with State Conventions for ALL jurisdictions in the Knights of Columbus world.

For many weeks now, staff at the Supreme Office have been scrambling to try to prepare a workable Virtual State Council Annual Meeting. Today, we are seeing and will experience the results of that work, as we hold the first ever Virtual Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador.

I thank and applaud the combined efforts of the Supreme Staff, and your State Council Executive members, in making this meeting happen today.

In order to carry out the many responsibilities of State Deputy, it is imperative to have a strong supportive, dedicated team working with you. I can honestly say, that is the case in this jurisdiction.

The team of Brother Knights that comprise the State Executive, the District Deputies, and the state Appointed Personnel, has been, and continues to be, dedicated and committed to the responsibilities of their respective offices. That dedication, and commitment, certainly makes my job as State Deputy a most enjoyable task. These Brother Knights work tirelessly in the execution of their duties. Their actions have always been, and continue to be, guided by the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the State team; that is, the Executive, the District Deputies and the Appointed Personnel, for the friendship, support and assistance given me during this, my first term of office.

First and foremost, though are our District Deputies. These Brother Knights, and there are only ten (10) of them in Newfoundland and Labrador, are crucial to the continuance of this jurisdiction.

The success of our thirty-six (36) Subordinate Councils depends a great deal on the guidance and assistance provided by our District Deputies. They are the “eyes” and “ears” of the State Executive in the districts. It is safe to say that the District Deputies get very little, if any, public recognition for their work.

However, this jurisdiction does have one tangible way of recognizing and thanking District Deputies for their work. The “Brother Ron Patterson Award” is presented to the District Deputy of the year at our Organizational meeting in July of each year. At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate District Deputy Brother John Atkins who was the recipient of this award for the 2018-2019 Columbian Year.

To all District Deputies I extend a sincere thank you for your dedication and commitment to help grow the Order in this Jurisdiction.

I, and the other members of the State Executive must have help in carrying out the work of the Knights of Columbus. We can't do it alone. To assist with this work, each year a team of State Personnel is appointed. I'd like to now thank each member of the State Appointed Team, who have worked diligently this past year, for their commitment in helping to grow the membership and to promote the many programs undertaken in our jurisdiction.

Brothers, the past year has been one of change, not only for the Knights of Columbus in this jurisdiction, but for the Order worldwide. For this jurisdiction, the changes began with the election of a new executive at the 101st Annual State Convention in Gander in April 2019.

I was honored to be elected as the 44th State Deputy for Newfoundland and Labrador at that Convention.

In June of 2019, I represented this jurisdiction at the annual meeting of new and re-elected State Deputies in New Haven, Connecticut. Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, along with Supreme Directors, Supreme Personnel and national and Regional Growth Directors conducted those meetings.

In November 2019, I represented the jurisdiction at the Organizational Meeting for State Deputies, in Orlando, Florida. It was at the November meetings that the Supreme Knight introduced a new combined ceremonial, which will mean significant changes to the way things are done in the Knights of Columbus world. The new ceremony, known as 'The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity' removes the barriers of secrecy and commitment of time that many Catholic men have found difficult when invited to join our ranks.

Enthusiasm has grown quickly and continues to grow for this ceremonial change. Early in 2020, the new combined degree was used at a ceremony in Sheshatshiu, Labrador at which time seven members of Canada's First Nations became members of the Knights of Columbus. Those seven new Knights then became part of a new Round Table established in Sheshatshiu at the same time.

Now another change is coming, and it is connected to the new combined degree. The Supreme Council has developed an Online Exemplification that allows men to join the Order while still observing the stay at home orders imposed by state and local governments due to COVID-19.

And, even more change has resulted from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For 101 years brother Knights from all parts of this jurisdiction have gathered together to discuss issues of concern, to try to resolve those issues, to learn about new plans and ideas in the Knights of Columbus world, and to make plans for the coming year.

In this, the 102nd year, though, that's changed. This year, the meeting of brother Knights is being done virtually. Each council in the jurisdiction will still pick delegates to attend the Annual State Convention, but in 2020, those delegates won't be required to travel to take part in any meetings. They will participate from the comfort of their own homes.

Brothers, some of the changes we are experiencing were planned, others weren't. But we are working through them all. And, we will get through them.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson outlined the goals and objective of the Order for 2019-2020 at the State Deputies Meetings in June. He re-iterated those goals and objectives at the Organizational Meetings in November. Brothers, the changes we are seeing and experiencing today, have not changed those goal and objectives. The Knights of Columbus is, and will remain, focussed on membership growth, membership retention and reactivation, ceremonials, insurance growth, as well as growth and development in our Service Program.

Even with COVID-19 looming over us.

As the Coronavirus battle wages on, plans are being made, then revised and changed, sometimes daily, to provide the necessary tools and guidance for our councils to continue their mission of charity and service. The Supreme Council has just released a new program, "*Leave No Neighbor Behind*", a new KofC initiative for a worldwide response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Every council in this jurisdiction has been provided with a handbook on ways and means to incorporate this new initiate into their activities and operations.

Brothers, one of the highlights of this past year was during my first trip to New Haven. I attended mass at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of our Order. Myself and my wife Marg, sat in the Newfoundland and Labrador pew where so many State Deputies and their wives from this jurisdiction, have sat before. It was at this mass that I was installed as the State Deputy of NL by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

This past year has been one of intense satisfaction and gratification for me. In July of 2019 a District Deputies Organizational Meeting was held in Gander. The goals and objections of this jurisdiction were laid out and their responsibilities and duties were outlined for the District Deputies. A training session was also held for State Council Directors.

As well, at the Organizational meeting a *"First Time Elected Grand Knights School"* was conducted to help new Grand Knights by informing them about and discussing their roles and responsibilities in their Councils. I wish to thank all members of my Executive and the State Personnel who conducted the sessions, and for their time in preparing the materials for the meetings.

In August, four delegates from this jurisdiction, travelled to Minneapolis, Minnesota to participate in the 137th Supreme Convention. State Secretary Pat Gambin and his wife Dolores, State Advocate Paul Baldwin and his wife Christine, Past State Deputy Brian Hurley and his wife Bev, and me, your State Deputy and my wife Marg, were the representatives from Newfoundland and Labrador.

At the Supreme Convention, our Supreme Knight reported that our charitable giving's in 2018 increased to a record of \$187.5 million. The number of hours volunteered by Knights climbed to a new record high of 76.7 million hours. Knights of Columbus members in Canada donated \$ 19 million and 5.7 million hours to charity.

Christian relief has been a focal point for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. This support has taken two forms. First since 2014, with your help and that of the public, the Knights of Columbus has committed more than \$25 million for Christian refugees. Second, the Knights of Columbus advocates on the behalf of Christians in the hope that someday they may live their faith in peace and live in their own communities not as second-class citizens but as free and equal citizens.

The annual mid-year meeting of State Deputies was held in Orlando, Florida in November 2019. State deputies participated in breakout sessions and workshops with the Order's Supreme staff and regional Growth Directors.

Discussions highlighted the building blocks already in place for steady, consistent growth.

Following the State Deputies mid-year meetings, the 2019-2020 Mid Year meeting for our Jurisdiction took place in Gander at the end of November. State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Program Directors and State Membership Team were in attendance. I thank Brother Pat Gambin and his Membership team for the planning and work that went into organizing and conducting the membership session. State Secretary Brother Pat Gambin and the State Program Team presented a review of State Council Programs in each of the respective program areas. I thank Brother Pat and the Program team for delivering that portion of the session as well.

Since the beginning of the fraternal year your State Executive has met on twelve different occasions, six times in person, and six times electronically, to conduct the business of this Jurisdiction. I thank all State Officers for their attendance at these meetings and their valuable input and the follow up on all the discussions that were part of each meeting.

To promote better communications and understanding between the State Board and Subordinate Councils, I as State Deputy, often accompanied by other State Officers, have visited subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction in this past year. These visitations allow members to meet State Officers and to discuss issues and concerns that affect them.

State Officers and District Deputies have represented me at other Council functions when I was not available. When the restrictions put in place because of COVID-19 are relaxed, I will continue visiting Councils for the remainder of my term in office.

I extend a sincere thank you to all councils that we visited since July of 2019, for the hospitality, fraternity and attention to protocol extended to me and the State Officers and District Deputies during our visits.

As we celebrate our 102nd Convention, a much changed one from previous years, our Jurisdiction is blessed to have with us at this Virtual Meeting, several Past State Deputies who continue to be involved and contribute. Over the last year, I have found it encouraging and rewarding to talk to these Brother Knights.

The Fourth Degree is indeed the showcase of our order. It is how most Knights of Columbus are recognized. Some of the changes though, are also affecting the Fourth Degree.

We are very grateful to you, Worthy Master, Sir Knight Dermot Whalen, to the Faithful Navigators, and to all Sir Knights for your dedication and commitment to our Order. We thank you for promoting the Rosary particularly the annual Rosary and Light procession at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's. Your commitment to the Annual High School Public Speak-Off is well known and greatly appreciated. Our youth are the beneficiaries of your efforts in this project. Even though the dates for these Fourth-Degree events are up in the air now, they will be rescheduled as soon as the COVID-19 situation eases.

As State Deputy, I strongly encourage all Third-Degree members to take the Patriotic Degree of our order.

Brothers, Public Relations is key to success for most organizations, and for the Knights of Columbus this is no different. Communication is the key at all levels. Brother Bob Miller our Newsletter Editor along with your help, by providing articles publishes several newsletters a year with another due out before the end of June. Newsletters are a vital component of our communications package to our Brother Knights and visitors to our Website.

Our Webmaster Chairman, Past State Deputy Brother Pat Craig has been looking after our website for many years. Brother Pat continues to update information to keep our members well informed as to what is happening in our Jurisdiction. Our website has become a tremendous resource for our members and can be found at www.kofcni.org.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has said and continues to say *"Our ability to do good in countless communities around the world is directly related to the growth and vitality of our membership. Inviting men to join us not only helps each man who joins, it also helps those in need."*

In our jurisdiction, as of April 1, we have a total membership of 5199 which represents a net loss of 93 members since April 1, 2019. Membership growth for this year as of April 1, stood at 58 members and our goal is 130. This means we need another 72 members over the next two months.

Remember Brothers that membership is the life blood of our Order. Membership growth must be maintained for our Councils to remain viable. Do not sit back for the next two months and wait for the fraternal year to end, please go back to your Councils determined to invite new members to join our council before year end. Online Membership is a great way to attract new members, without leaving your homes. You can reach a prospective new member by telephone, and he can join the order using his phone or computer.

We have several Round Tables registered in this jurisdiction, with the latest being the one at Sheshatshiu, Labrador. Every Parish in this Jurisdiction should have a Knights of Columbus presence either through a Council or a Round Table.

The Knights of Columbus Insurance ranked on the Fortune 1000 List of America's largest companies again this past year, and in 2018 recorded more than \$9 billion in annual sales and surpassed \$109 billion of life insurance in force - a reflection of the hard work and integrity of our brother Knights who serve as our insurance agents. I encourage all Grand Knights to have Insurance on their agenda for every Council meeting and be sure to invite your assigned Field Agent to all Council meetings and events. Give him a prominent place in your meeting chamber and invite him to speak. Also, please make sure he is invited to every first degree and given a copy of the forms for new members. I thank our General Agent, Brother Gilles Seguin, our Field Agents, Brother Brian Kennedy, Brother Terry Tibbs and PSD Maurice Lewis for the good job you are doing in serving our members and their families in Newfoundland and Labrador. Brothers, you have a key role to play, not only in insurance, but also in membership, recruitment and retention.

The Marian prayer program has been promoted by Supreme Council for many years. The focus of the Order's Prayer Program for this year is Persecuted Christians. The 2019-2020 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

Three framed paintings of the Holy Family are circulating among Councils to be used as the centrepiece of a rosary program. If you have not held the prayer program in your parish then I encourage you to contact your District Deputy or a member of the State Executive who is coordinating the schedules of the Icons throughout our Jurisdiction.

COVID-19 is affecting our Marian Hour of Prayer Program, but when the regulations in place to fight this pandemic ease up, the program will resume.

The Knights of Columbus remains strong in its defense of Life in all its stages. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson states: *"Today, the very nature of the family is being threatened in many places and in many ways. And during the past four decades, even our most fundamental right – The Right to Life – has been undermined. I don't have to tell you that in many ways our society has lost track of the things that are most important; the sacredness of human life. We are not just dealing with abortion, but the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide."*

Brothers, just a note that the 2020 National March for Life in Ottawa is being re-scheduled. This 23rd National March for Life marks 51 years of abortion on demand in Canada. We will march in memory of the 4 million + children killed before birth by abortion since 1969, the year former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau passed an omnibus bill decriminalizing abortion. The March for Life will take place when COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

Our Jurisdiction continues to provide financial support to the Centre for Life through Resolution. The Feast of the Annunciation has been designated as the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. Councils observe this day by taking part in prayer through some form, whether it be virtual or otherwise.

Councils involved in "Rose Sunday" on Mother's Day to increase awareness about abortion and raise money for the Center for Life also will re-schedule those events.

The Newfoundland and Labrador State Council has always been very supportive of Special Olympics in our Jurisdiction. Council's involvement in Special Olympics has been maintained again this year both financially and through volunteering for events. The Special Olympians and their families are very appreciative of the work, and the financial donations, put into events by the Knights of Columbus.

The Hostel fund continued again this year with Subordinate Councils paying \$500 each from the sale of the Fall Sweep Tickets into the Hostel Fund. Any member and his wife who must stay away from home to attend to a sick child in any hospital may avail of this fund if he is a member in good standing with his Council. The Member Medical Travel Fund was established in 2006 to assist a member in good standing, his wife, the widow of a deceased member and dependent children who had to travel more than 100 kilometers for medical treatment. The maximum allowable claim per family is \$100 on the island and \$200 in Labrador and many of our members are availing themselves of this program.

The State Essay Contest was in place again this year with the topic being *"In what Way is the Christian Faith Relevant in the 21st Century"*. This topic was sent to all Dioceses, Councils, State Council Website and to the two Catholic Schools in our Province. The prize structure is as follows:

First Place	\$200.00
Second Place	\$100.00
Third Place	\$ 50.00

The winners of the State Essay Contest will be announced shortly.

Your State Council awards five \$1000 scholarships annually to a member's son or daughter or a deceased member's son or daughter if the member is in good standing with his council and the deceased members were in good standing at the time of death. The winners for 2019 are:

Sydney Groves - daughter of Todd and Lisa Groves of Mary Queen of Peace Council #7405, St. John's. Sydney is attending Memorial University.

Emma King - daughter of John and Sandi Carroll-King of Msgr. Finn Council #5904, Bishop's Falls. Emma is attending College of the North Atlantic.

Richard Kavanagh - son of Rick and Elizabeth Kavanagh of Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Richard is attending Memorial University.

Claudia Kilfoy - daughter of Claude and Barbara Kilfoy of Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Claudia is attending College of the North Atlantic.

Aaron Snow - son of Harold and Melinda Snow of Msgr. Finn Council #5904, Bishop's Falls. Aaron is attending College of the North Atlantic.

In 2019, the State Council introduced a new scholarship, the Dorothy M. & William J. Channing Scholarship. The first winner of that scholarship, valued at \$ 1000.00 is:

Emma Walsh - granddaughter of John Hanrahan of Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Emma lives in Grand Falls-Windsor and is attending College of the North Atlantic.

The Newfoundland and Labrador State Council also awards four \$500 Jubilee Scholarships open to all High School Students in our Jurisdiction. The winners in 2019 were:

Ben Callahan - graduate of Discovery Collegiate, Bonavista attending Memorial University.

Brianna Dalton - graduate of Baltimore School, Ferryland attending Dalhousie University.

Francis Rory Shortall - graduate of Ascension Collegiate, Bay Roberts attending University of Ottawa.

Julian Edwards - graduate of Waterford Valley High School, St. John's attending Memorial University.
(Shared)

Nathan Quinton - graduate of Gander Collegiate, Gander attending Memorial University.
(Shared)

The Supreme Council awards 12 Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patri Scholarships in Canada every year. These scholarships valued at \$1500 are awarded annually for a four-year period based on academic excellence and are renewable each year of undergraduate study pending satisfactory academic performance. This past year we had one winner:

Selena M. Cimbron was the winner of a Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship valued at \$1500 per year for four years.

Congratulations and best wishes to the winners in all their future endeavours. I sincerely thank Past State Deputy Brother Maurice Lewis, our Scholarship Chairman, for taking on this position. I thank him for his commitment and dedication to this valuable youth program.

The Financial Secretary Training Program, which has been in place for the last four years is ongoing. Brother Dennis Jones is our FS Training Coordinator and I thank him on your behalf for his efforts with this training. I strongly encourage all Council Officers and any member considering taking an officer position in the future to attend the training seminars when they are offered.

Supreme Office is emphasising more and more that online is the way to go and they are continually moving in that direction. On the Supreme Website with secure logon access you can order materials, get all your reports, file forms and reports and get a current up to date status of your council or assembly. Supreme also provides periodic training webinars and has exceptional training material online. The Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights of the future will need to be computer literate.

I wish to thank all Grand Knights and their Council membership throughout the Jurisdiction for your full support and fraternal cooperation over the past year. It has been a busy year for me but one I have thoroughly enjoyed. This jurisdiction is well served by the dedication of you my Brother Knights who work every day, not for yourselves but for the benefit of others. We must continue to fulfill Father McGivney's vision of offering the benefits of

membership to every eligible Catholic family. Charity, Unity and Fraternity must always guide our actions. To my fellow State Officers, Father Hearn, Brothers Pat, Gary, Paul, and Brendan a very special thank you for the job you have done in carrying out the duties of your office. Thank you to Past State Deputy, Brother Brian for his advice and assistance over the past year. I thank the State Officers wives, Delores, Sheila, Christine, Pat, Bev and my wife Marg for their support, cooperation and patience. I thank our District Deputies, State Personnel, Past State Deputies, Grand Knights, Master of the Fourth Degree, Faithful Navigators and all Brother Knights for their efforts in continuing to grow the Order in this great jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador.

It has been an honour to serve as your State Deputy for the past year. I encourage you to keep up your efforts in membership and programs and cherish your membership in our great Fraternity. My wish is that you enjoy this State Convention in all its glory, and change. It is a time to make new friendships and renew old ones but at the same time to complete the business we are elected to do, time to reflect on the past and to look forward to our future. Again, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Deputy. May God bless each one of you and this great order that we serve.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted April 25, 2020

Gordon Lannon
State Deputy
Jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador

State Chaplain's Yearly Report 2020

·April 25, 2020

Dear Brother Knights,

This is my final Convention yearly report as State Chaplain. My two-year term of office at your invitation, and with the approval of Bishop Robert Anthony Daniels, expires this coming July. I am grateful for my time of priestly service and for your goodwill and encouragement to me which was so generously offered.

This 102nd Convention 2020 is most unusual. It is conducted by teleconference involving a prescribed number of council delegates. These are indeed unprecedented times and require creative measures. The rewarding work of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador continues with restrictions even in the midst of a global coronavirus pandemic – the dreaded Covid-19.

This Columbian year is drawing to a close and we are grateful to God for the many local initiatives undertaken through Faith in Action accomplished in the name of the Church throughout this Province.

It has been an interesting and informative two years as State Chaplain. I was always inspired by the selfless amount of time, given to planning that was shown by the Provincial Executive. Many hours of travel and meetings are necessary to lead and support local councils in the affairs of this distinguished Order.

I regret that we are unable to celebrate our Convention Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Gander due to physical-distancing and other provincial regulations. This Mass with you and parish members was always one of my most rewarding duties as State Chaplain. Nevertheless, "The Lord has risen indeed" and he is with us on our Easter journey. As the Author of Life he continues to show us the path of life as members of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador.

May Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians, bring us safely through this fearful and prayerful period!

A blessed and peaceful 50-days of Easter to all, in all Charity, Unity and Fraternity!

Yours sincerely,

Father William Hearn

State Chaplain



Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

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State Secretary's Report 2019-2020

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Worthy Master, and Delegates to the 102nd State Convention, it is my privilege, as State Secretary, to submit an annual report for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year.

Brother Knights, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as State Secretary at the 101st Convention in Gander in April 2019. The great support of my fellow State Officers and all the subordinate councils in this jurisdiction has made my duties easier and more enjoyable throughout the year. With everyone's encouragement and assistance, I have also found that many challenges are minor obstacles to be overcome by learning new technical skills to help in the performance of different tasks that arise. As a result of working with a strong team, I have been able to get necessary information out to all concerned groups in a timely manner.

I look forward to working closely with all Brother Knights and their families for the remainder of this Columbian Year and I am looking forward to what the future brings.

On behalf of my Wife, Delores, I want to thank my Brother Knights for your trust and confidence you have placed in me this present year. In this time of crisis with COVID-19, I wish the best of health to all Brother Knights and their families as we meet to celebrate our 102nd State Convention.

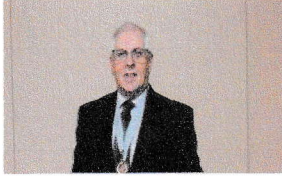
Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Secretary



Gordon Lannon
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To: Worthy State Deputy Gordon Lannon

State Treasurers Report for the year 2019-2020

Thank you to the Councils in this jurisdiction or electing me as your State Treasurer 2019-2020. It has been a challenging year especially the second half. The treasurer has the responsibility of administering all business transactions of the State Board. Collecting and receiving funds coming in from all sources and the payment of all invoice payments, donations, travel reimbursements and monitoring investments.

State funds come from two major sources. Your Council assessments and lottery proceeds from spring and fall lotteries. Both revenue sources are essential to how your State Council carries out its duties. Your annual assessments also include funds to pay for items like our liability insurance policy which covers the work of every council in the Province when doing Knights of Columbus work be it at bingo's, socials, children's parties or having a function in the parish hall. It is a very comprehensive policy. It is critical to have in the event of an any incident at a Knights sponsored event. The second major assessment is collecting funds for our Member Medical Fund and Sick Children's fund.

This year we disbursed just over \$14000.00 in travel reimbursements and funds for Sick Children. Your State Council uses your assessment funds for many items you don't see including State financial audits, printing, advertising, community donations including State Scholarships. This year we have stepped up our membership activities with State visits and attendance at Sunday Masses to number of councils throughout the province including Labrador.

Thank you to all Councils who have helped make this year a success. At the time of this writing the Covid-19 crisis is well underway. No doubt this pandemic is having some financial impact on your Councils operations. On behalf of my wife Sheila I wish all our members good health and best wishes for the coming months. Stay safe.....

Fraternally
Gary Gallagher

State Treasurer



Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

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State Advocates Report 2019-2020

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Worthy Master, Worthy State Directors, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Delegates, welcome to the 102nd State Convention.

First of all, I would like to thank all Brother Knights for their confidence in choosing me as your State Advocate. As the State Advocate I am responsible to pass on and oversee legal matters of the Order, those that are received from the Office of the Supreme Advocate and legal questions that may arise from Councils.

To help me serve as Advocate, I proactively distributed several *State Advocate Bulletins*, covering a variety of subjects of concern for Councils and their leadership. Your feedback was important and welcomed. These bulletins covered areas such as: *Resolution No. 337 – Policies Regarding Honours for Public Figures*, *Section 122(b) - The \$500 Rule*, and, *Home Corporations and Conflict of Interest*. I will continue to send bulletins on subjects of interest to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

Additionally I asked Council Advocates to review their Council Bylaws to ensure that they are up to date and if not initiate the action to amend such. Councils may be violating their own bylaws without realizing they are.

At our Winter Meeting in Gander on 30 November 2019, I presented the Jurisdiction Strategic Action Plan on behalf of the State Deputy. The main theme in the Plan....Faith In Action. I thank all Brothers for their feedback in improving the action plan. As well as maintaining the action plan, as State Advocate I am in process of updating State Manuals and Bylaws.

For the past several years there has been great emphasis placed on Safe Environment Compliance. There has been improvements but councils must remain diligent and ensure that correct procedures are adhered to. This is very important as it is a requirement for STAR Council.

A major task of the State Advocate is to formulate all Resolutions presented at our annual meeting. I thank the Resolutions Committee, Brother Francis Sullivan GK of 1448 Dalton Council, Brother David Power GK of 2223 Avalon Council, and Brother Phillip Hurley GK of 5902 McCarthy Council for their help during this process. As you know with the Virtual Format of the State Convention, the Resolutions will be presented in five Groups to conserve time. Each

delegate is responsible to review the Resolutions and Groups beforehand and comment/vote as directed.

During the fraternal year, I had the honour and privilege to attend, as a delegate, the 137th Supreme Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 6-8 2019. I can honestly say that I was awestruck at the opening Mass to see over 200 Cardinals, Arch Bishops, Bishops, Priests and Deacons in the procession. The Supreme presentations were enlightening to see the results of the total efforts of the Councils in the Order. Make no mistake, each individual Council is the backbone of the Order.

This year has also been clouded over by the Global Pandemic of Covid-19. We have to look no farther than our Virtual Convention. As Knights of Columbus it is more important than ever before to look after the needs of our Brothers and their families. That may be as simple as a telephone call to see how they are doing, now is the time to communicate with our Brother Knights and their families.

My wife Christine and I wish you all the best; and want you and your families to stay safe as we overcome this difficult time in our lives.

God Bless you all and stay safe.

Faithfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Baldwin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul R Baldwin
State Advocate

State Warden's Report 2019-2020

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Faithful Navigators, Delegates and Brother Knights.

Welcome to the 2019-2020 State Tele Convention and I pleased to send this my first report as your State Warden.

Brothers, I thank you for electing me as your State Warden. This Columbia year has been a learning experience as its my first year of many years serving a great order as a State Officer.

Unfortunately, as we all know this Columbia year has come to a screeching halt but as the Brothers, as we are, we will surge ahead in a new norm until our world returns to normal. I encourage all councils to continue their good works once the world returns to normal.

On behalf of my wife Pat, I offer fraternal greetings to all Brother Knights and their families.

Keep safe, healthy and God Bless.

Fraternally
Brendan Vickers
State Warden/Program Director



Gordon Lannon
State Deputy

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Report of Former / Inactive Members Recruitment Chairman

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, Delegates and Brother Knights. Fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful 102 Convention.

I thank State Deputy Lannon for giving me the opportunity to work with our Former Members list. This jurisdiction has in excess of 2800 former/inactive members. As in the past number of years, attempts continued to update these lists to remove deceased members by submitting Form 100's to Supreme Council to have these members names removed. We have made progress in this area but there still remains work to be done. Thank you to all the Grand Knights for the work they have done with the former members lists.

The former members list is made available to every council in our jurisdiction and they are encouraged to contact to welcome them back to their Councils. Members may not want to come back but we have the obligation to ask. Things change and some of these members will return if asked.

Your State Board continues to work on Inactive Councils, last year we merged to more inactive councils. This brings the total number of Councils in our jurisdiction down to 58. We have 36 active Councils, leaving 22 inactive.

Fraternally,
Brian Hurley
Immediate Past State Deputy