

**Knights of Columbus  
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State Council**



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**102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention**  
**25 April 2020**



Gordon Lannon  
State Deputy

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## **STATE LIFE DIRECTOR REPORT**

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 to 102<sup>nd</sup> State Convention it is a privilege as State Life Director to present this report.

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy, Gordon Lannon, for giving my wife, Ellen and I the opportunity to serve as the State Life Couple. It is indeed an honour.

Life is one of the four categories that represent the main priorities of the Knights of Columbus. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment from brother knights to defend life in all of its stages from conception to natural death. Our voices have to be heard and it is evident that Knights in Newfoundland and Labrador continue to strive to support and deliver the Life message.

After receiving the 19 Life reports I firmly believe that many councils do indeed take the Life program very seriously and work tirelessly promoting the program.

Many councils reported that Knights joined with the Pro-Life Movement and local church leaders for a walk with banners and signs promoting life. Some councils arranged nine days for life to end abortions both in Church and on Face book. A life chain was formed and members took part in an hour of prayer and silence. Many councils took part in the March for Life on Good Friday and in May. The Rose for Life Campaign and Rose Sunday was carried out by various councils.

Councils are very supportive of Special Olympics. It tends to be a high priority in several councils. Support includes helping in hosting summer games, financial donations, parties, bulletin announcements and providing manpower when needed to support the special Olympics activities.

Knights and their families came together for nine days to promote a novena of prayer to help build up a cultural of life in their parishes, homes and outlying communities. The Knights led the rosary before Mass in many parishes. They were well attended by parishioners. Prayer cards were distributed.

All councils support the Centre for Life in their efforts to protect the lives of the most vulnerable in our society. Monetary support, as well as supplies and participation in the various fund raises held by the Centre.

As indicated by the reports it is evident that the Knights in Newfoundland and Labrador hold highly the Life program. The many programs and projects carried out by councils is a testament that Life is extremely important to all knights.

The Supreme Council Program Book, "Faith in Action" is a great resource for councils. It provides councils with information on activities that can be implemented by councils.

In conclusion I would like to thank all councils for submitting their reports for this fraternal year. These reports clearly reflect all the good works of the Knights of Columbus in our province. I would encourage other councils to become more active and visible in our Life program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eugene Hurley & Ellen Merrigan  
NL State Council Life Chair-Couple





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**Insurance Promotion Chairman**

**Annual Report 2019 – 2020**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, 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

Thank you to State Deputy Lannon for appointing me to the position of State Insurance Promotion Chairman. Promotion of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program can be one of the best recruiting tools we have. The Knights of Columbus has had many years of growth in insurance sales. Due to record sales the Knights of Columbus has had in excess of \$39.5 billion increase in insurance in the last decade. With more than \$109 billion of insurance in force, the Knights of Columbus Insurance is a top rated company in North America for 44 consecutive years with a rating of (A++, Superior) from A. M. Best. In fact there is no more highly rated life insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.

This past year I attended and made presentations at the Organizational meetings in July and the Mid-year meetings in November, encouraging State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors, Grand Knights and all Brother Knights to constantly promote the Insurance/Investment products offered by the Knights of Columbus.

I have attempted to distribute literature provided by Supreme Office to Council members and District representatives attending State and Council meetings. Articles on Insurance were written for each edition of the State Newsletter, *Knightly News*.

Every member of the Knights of Columbus has a role in promoting the Insurance/Investment products offered by the Knights of Columbus. With continuing promotion of the products, membership in the jurisdiction will increase.

I extend to all delegates, observers and families best wishes for a successful 102<sup>st</sup> Convention, one that will go into the history books as the first State Convention conducted over the telephone because of COVID 19 Pandemic restrictions presently in place in all jurisdictions.

Fraternally,

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Maurice Lewis  
Insurance Promotion Chairman



## Ceremonials, Council Retention & Reactivation Annual Report 2019-20

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain , Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Master Fourth Degree, Worthy Grand Knights, Delegates and Brother Knights. It is my pleasure to report on the following for the 2019-20 Columbian year.

### **Ceremonials:**

Ceremonials are a primary importance of the growth and strength of the Knights of Columbus. Ceremonials plays a very important role in each of the order's rules from the Installation of Officers, Degree Exemplifications, Council Meetings and Proper Protocol. While ceremonials demonstrate Fr.Givney's vision it also advances new members through degrees, members who observe this passage will benefit from a rekindled spirit of Columbianism as a result of their attendance.

July 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019 , thirteen First Degree exemplifications was completed in our jurisdiction with an intake of 42 new members. In January 2020 Supreme Council announced proposed changes to the degree structure in the Knights of Columbus World.

Effective January 15, 2020 , the three separate degrees , Admission, Formation And Knighthood was rolled into one degree namely a Combine degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. With degree secrecy eliminated , its preferable that the degree to be held in church or other menu with the candidates family, friends in attendance. It can be done in approx.. 30 minutes with five members, a Leader, Warden and one each for lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Any member doing the combined degree will become a third degree member at the one exemplification. Those 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree members can attain their Knighthood degree at one seating. Also with this change robes has been replaced with the wearing of Baltrics along with your dress attire.

To date there has been three successful exemplifications by using the combined degree with an intake of 10 new members and two 1<sup>st</sup> degree members totally 12 attaining status of Knighthood. The intake for new and former members for NL jurisdiction stands at 58.

Special thanks to the members of the Admission , Second and Third Degree teams for devoting their time in practice & performance of the exemplifications of thousands of members to our order prior to this major change. We continue to depend on these same members to participate in the new Combined degree in the exemplifications of members to our Order.

### **Council Reactivation**

The NL jurisdiction is composed of 36 active councils and 22 inactive councils for a total of 58 councils. To protect the members of inactive councils the State Council has continued the process of merging inactive councils with active councils in the general area. Our Lady of Snows Council, Conche was successfully merged with Archbishop Neil McNeil Council, Pasadena and Fr. R. G. Thompkins, Terrenceville # 8914 successfully merged with Ville Marie Council # 10599, Marystown.. Work is continuing on the merging of other councils that has 0 members. Many thanks to the Grand Knights and their membership for their excellent cooperation. We continue to have on going dialogue with the District Deputies, Parish Priests, and State Personnel looking for an opportunity to reactivate inactive council. To-date no concrete results.

### **Council Retention**

In this Columbian year we were successful in electing executives for 98% of our councils. District Deputies and Grand Knights must continue to make a concerted and concentrated effort to ensure that they have another member to replace him when his term is completed.

Recruitment must continue to be the #1 goal of all councils and new members must be informed, inspired and involved on the importance of the Knights of Columbus. We trust that there is a member this year who will take the extra step and become a Grand Knight, District Deputy or State Officer.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Ceremonials, Council Reactivation / Retention Director in the NL jurisdiction! I continue to learn along the way.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on any item pertaining to Ceremonials especially on the combined degree. Its only by working together that the Knights of Columbus will continue to be successful in the NL jurisdiction.

To each a safe and enjoyable Convention 2020.

Faternally,

William O' Rielly, PSD





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## **State Membership Director's Report 2019-2020**

Brother Knights, we are approximately two (2) months away from the end of our, Columbian Year, 2020 and we have a long way to go to reach our goal of one hundred and thirty (130) New or Former members for this year. Convention is usually a time when Brother Knights get together and share ideas on many aspects on the Knights of Columbus in general and particularly on MEMBERSHIP which is the life blood of our Order. This year, however, the proposed format for State Convention may not lend itself to a great deal of interaction on many issues, including Membership. To offset this lack of sharing ideas, I would strongly encourage councils to get more involved with promoting on-line membership in order to continue recruiting new members especially during this time of crisis with COVID-19. This is also a great tool to attract New young members which most of us would agree is badly needed.

During the Columbian Year 2019-2020, we have put a great deal of effort into training several of our councils on how to conduct effective Church drives. These Drives have met with varying degrees of success but need to have more follow-up after information is gathered at the Church Drives. There is nothing more effective than personal contact with prospects that have given information at those Church Drives.

We have made in-roads this year by bringing in seven (7) New members from Sheshatshiu, Labrador to create our first ever indigenous round table in our jurisdiction. These New members are a part of Bishop Scheffer Council #6378 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

During the remaining two (2) months of this Columbian Year, let's show our concern for each other by reaching out to Brothers and their families in need whether that be socially, financially or spiritually. As I mentioned earlier, use social media to attract New members and Former members to join or re-join our ranks through E-Membership. They can sign up on-line now and choose what council with which they want to become involved, at their convenience.

Brothers, in closing, I want to thank all councils and individuals who have helped in recruiting new members to our Order and I hope we can have a strong showing in increased membership in the remaining two (2) months of this Columbian year 2019-2020. I look forward to our 2020 Convention for the sharing of our Fraternity. Be Safe, Stay Safe.

Fraternally,  
Pat Gambin  
State Membership Director



## State Program Director '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 Program Director for our Jurisdiction.

This is the second year of our Faith in Action model for our Faith, Family, Community and Life programs. I am pleased to state that all Councils have implemented our new model very well.

This year we had a successful Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest, State Soccer challenge and the Drug, Alcohol Awareness and Abuse Contest. The Free Throw Basketball program was not completed but what was completed went off well. My heartfelt thanks to all members who helped and coordinated these programs to be as successful as they were.

Thank You to all Councils who have submitted your yearly State Program reports. In reading the reports I see there are many great programs being preformed by Councils, meeting our orders requirements and promoting faith, families, our communities and life.

Fraternally,  
Brendan Vickers  
State Program Director

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### **Online Membership**

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Supreme, as you know, has developed an online way to recruit potential members and form those men for committed, lifelong and council-based membership in the Knights of Columbus. And thus, since July 1, 2018, eligible Catholic men have been able to join the Knights of Columbus online. During the past year there were 5 members who joined the NL State Council 98059 online, and 4 of these members have migrated to individual Councils within the province.

Since I was appointed Online Membership Chairman about a year ago, Grand Knights have been encouraged on a regular basis to promote online membership as an option for men who are not yet ready for council-based membership. Councils have been reminded that this initiative is not meant to replace traditional recruiting methods; council members still have to take the initiative to ask eligible Catholic gentlemen to join the Knights.

Councils in our jurisdiction have been encouraged to endorse this online option at every opportunity when speaking about the Knights of Columbus. As well, Councils have been encouraged to support the Online Membership option through promotions on Council Webpages, Face Book Pages, advertisements in Church Bulletins, etc. Councils have been made aware of the many complimentary resources, booklets, brochures, cards which are available from Supreme, and to have these on hand when needed. Councils have been encouraged to check out the information which is available online at the Supreme web site.

Throughout the past year, I have kept in contact with our State membership director, SS Pat Gambin, and have promoted the Online Membership on the State web site. When prospects have joined online, personal contact has been made by phone or email, and when prospects have indicated a Council preference, efforts were made to get the prospect and individual councils in contact with each other.

The Knights of Columbus continues to change and evolve to meet the needs and conditions of a changing world, and online membership may be one of the first steps in getting new members engaged in our many charitable and fraternal activities.

Gerard Butt  
State Online Membership Coordinator





Gordon Lannon  
State Deputy

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**2019 - 2020 Special Olympics Report**

Special Olympics (SO) is a global grassroots movement that was founded in 1968. It brings community programs and competition opportunities to more than 4.5 million children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities across 170 countries worldwide. The Knights of Columbus worldwide including our own Councils and their members in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador recognize the value and unique gifts of special Olympians. In fact many of a Brother Knights are Special Olympians. Special Olympics in Newfoundland and Labrador began over twenty years ago and is constantly evolving and adding new programs province wide. Currently there are approximately fifteen active clubs in the province that serve approximately six hundred Special Olympians in eighty five different communities. As you are aware the Knights of Columbus Newfoundland Labrador State Council is a proud to be a sponsor of Special Olympics in Newfoundland and Labrador. Additionally, many of our councils either directly or indirectly support the local Special Olympics Clubs in their area both financially and in volunteer hours.

The last Provincial Special Olympics Summer Games were held in Marystown from June 22-23, 2019. Ville Marie Council 10599 played a major role in these games both financially and with volunteer hours. The last National Special Olympics Winter Games were held in Thunder Bay, Ontario from February 25-29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. During these National Games the 44 athletes that made up Team Newfoundland and Labrador competed in 7 sports. Collectively, these athletes won approximately 33 medals including 9 gold, 12 silver and 12 bronze. Both of these Games were made possible as a result of the support of organizations like the Knights of Columbus.

**During this Columbian year. All councils are asked to keep accurate records of both their volunteer person hours and financial contributions. During this Columbian year Supreme Council will match the contributions made by all councils in our jurisdiction. This is great opportunity for all councils to enhance Special Olympics in our Province.**

It is also very important that each council submit its Special Olympics form (4584) to Supreme by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and submit a copy of it to the state executive and the Special Olympics Chairman. It is imperative to remember that the amount of funding provided by your State Council and Knights of Columbus Supreme Council to Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador is based on the value of your reported number of your volunteer hours, financial support and programs provided by your local councils.



**Several of our councils are either involved or plan to be involved in various Special Olympics programs within their local areas during this fraternal year. To date I have received reports from the following councils:**

**Notre Dame Council No. 2053:**

Notre Dame Council 2053 still remains a loyal supporter of the Exploits Hurricanes, which is the local chapter of Special Olympics. Their Council has been involved with this group for several years and this Columbian year is no different. In 2019 they volunteered in several events including the 2019 Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games in February for which they were a major supporter of both financially and in volunteer hours.

**Rev. Dr. Whelan Council No. 5662:**

Rev. Whelan Council No. 5662 are a proud supporter of the Special Olympics in Labrador. In 2019 they donated \$1000.00 to the local Special Olympics club. Also, they hosted the Special Olympics year end dinner and dance for athletes and coaches. Additionally, they donate their recyclables to them in their fundraising efforts. The value of these recyclables is approximately \$800.00.

**Father McCormack Council No. 5769:**

Father McCormack Council is a supporter of the Gander Wings Special Olympics Club. During 2019 council members volunteered approximately 775 hours during 10 Special Olympics events. The financial contributions of their events was approximately \$175.00. Also the VP of the Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador is a member of Father McCormack council.

**Father F. Jackman Council No. 9303:**

Father F. Jackman Council is a proud a supporter of the Special Olympics in the Conception Bay South area.

**Ville Marie Council No. 10599:**

Ville Marie Council has been a supporter of Special Olympics in the Marystown area for a long time. In 2019, members of Ville Marie Council participated in the Provincial Special Olympics Summer Games held in Marystown from June 22-23, 2019. Approximately 30 of their members were actively involved in multiple games activities including the motor cade, opening ceremonies and the various games competitions. During the opening ceremonies, they were involved in the flag raising ceremony during which time they raised both the Knights of Columbus flag and the Canadian flag. Also, at the dinner and dance Grand Knight Terry Mallay Jr represented the Knights of Columbus and presented medals, ribbons or certificates to all the Special Olympians. Approximately 30 members of Ville Marie Council also prepared and gave out approximately 300 bag lunches to all the participants as they completed their competitions and left Marystown for their journey home. In total, members of Ville Marie Council provided approximately 795 volunteer hours to the games and \$1,239.03 in financial contributions. Additionally, Grand Knight Tetty Mallay Jr. was an invited guest at the annual Special Olympics Christmas party.

#### **Archbishop Howley Council 2581:**

Archbishop Howley Council No. 2581 supports the local chapter of the Special Olympics (Corner Brook Vikings) by sponsoring such events as a basketball free throw competition specifically designed for it. They also donated \$250.00 to the Special Olympics 2019 Summer Games via Ville Marie Council 10599. This Columbian year they had planned to cohost with Archbishop Neil McNeil Council No. 8555 a special fund raising event in aid of the Corner Brook Vikings. However due to the Covid-19 virus it will not take place.

#### **Archbishop Neil McNeil Council No. 8555:**

Archbishop Neil McNeil Council did not participate in any Special Olympics games/events. However, they did financially support a local Special Olympics club (Corner Brook Vikings) to the tune of two hundred dollars. Additionally, they donated \$200.00 to the Special Olympics 2019 Summer Games via Ville Marie Council 10599.

#### **St. Mary's Council No. 13320**

St. Mary's Council No. 13320 supports Special Olympics financially but doesn't have any specific events planned.

#### **Other Councils:**

There are other Councils in the jurisdiction of NL and Labrador who support Special Olympics and/or provide financial assistance to them that for one reason or another have failed report their Special Olympics activities and/or to submit their Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report (form 4584).

**Prepared by: David Delaney**

**Special Olympics Chairman**

**Presented: April 2020**





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## **Knightly News Editor Annual report 2019-2020**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, Worthy State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights.

I would like to first of all express my sincere Thanks to you Worthy State Deputy, for putting your trust in me this past Columbian Year as the Knightly News editor. It was my pleasure to look after the Newsletter for the past year.

There was/are four Newsletters scheduled for the Columbian Year. Having the dates set at the beginning of the Columbian Year certainly makes things work a lot smoother, I know well in advance when the next issue will be due. As in everything in life, the best laid plans sometimes have to be changed. With lots of notice, changes are no problem.

The First issue came out on September 15, 2019. When all was said, and done we had Nineteen (19) submissions from our State Executive, State Personnel and the Fourth Degree.

The second edition came out on December 15, 2019. This edition is known as our Christmas Edition. We had twenty-three (23) submissions for that edition. Most articles certainly had the Christmas message and spirit.

The third edition is scheduled to be printed on April 15, 2020 and will be geared toward the spirit of our State Convention.

The fourth edition is scheduled to be printed on June 15, 2020.

There are reminder letters sent out to all contributors approximately 3 weeks before printing with a deadline of approximately 1 week before printing. These protocols work very well.

The success of the Knightly News is solely dependent on the articles submitted by all the various contributors which are elected and appointed State Personnel. They alone make my job as editor, a pleasure to do and I certainly look forward to the next issue.

Fraternally  
Brother Bob Miller  
Knightly News Editor.





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March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Worthy State Deputy Gordon Lannon, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Grand Knights and Brother Knights.

I would like to thank the State Board for putting their trust in me once again this year as Chairman of the State Lottery Committee.

The committee this year consists of the following Brother Knights. Bro. Eugene Hurley, Msgr. McCarthy Council, Carbonear, Bro. John Thoms, Msgr. Finn Council, Bishop Falls Bro. David Delaney, Archbishop Howley Council, Corner Brook and myself Bro. Jerry Barker, Msgr. Wm. Williams Council, King's Cove.

The 2019 – 2020 lottery campaigns started out at the 2019 State Convention in Gander. The State Lottery tickets were drawn during the convention. Last year there were 6945 State Lottery tickets returned sold. The sales were down 391 tickets from the previous year.

At the 2019 State Convention the Christmas Sweep Draw tickets were handed out to the Grand Knights during registration. This is the sixth year that the State Council went with distributing the tickets at the State Convention, giving Councils an extra two months to sell the tickets.

There was no change in the format for the prizes of these tickets. First prize \$4500.00 (seller's prize \$300.00), second prize \$500.00, and third prize \$200.00. The total amount of prizes remained the same.

A breakdown of the 2019 sales region by region is as follows – Zone "A" Eastern – 29,832 ; - Zone "B" Central – 20,254, Zone "C" – Western / Labrador 24,472 tickets sold. Sales were down overall by 8,913 from the previous year.

The name of the ticket sweep remains the same "Knights of Columbus Annual Fall Ticket Sweep. The prize structure also remains the same.

The State Lottery tickets, which was distributed during the mid year meetings last November will be drawn this weekend. Let's hope this year's State Lotteries campaign is more successful than last year's.

Fraternally  
Jerry Barker  
State Lottery Chairman