

**Knights of Columbus
Newfoundland and Labrador
State Council**



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Election of State Officers
and
Supreme Convention Delegates
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State Deputy

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Brothers,

Attached is a list of nominees for the various officer positions with the Newfoundland and Labrador State Board of the Knights of Columbus for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year.

Please note that nominations will be automatically considered as seconded nominations at the time they are made.

It is important that voting Delegates follow the instructions on how to vote. The voting will be anonymous. The system that we are using records the votes but does not show how any particular Delegate voted. Remember that only credentialed Delegates have the rights to vote, and to speak, and they must be recognized to speak. If someone with the right to speak wishes to do so, please hit *3 on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Note that you may be contacted so that we may know your intention to alert me when to recognize you. Please do not mute your phone.

The nomination format will be as follows:

'My name is _____, from Council number _____, and I nominate _____ for the position of State _____'

Even though we are using an electronic polling system for the vote, in case of an unforeseen issue, I have appointed **Michael Tobin**, past state deputy as the judge and the following past State Deputies, **Emile Cabot** and **Maurice Lewis** as tellers.

Nominations will cease automatically after three calls, and if there are no other nominations, the State Secretary will cast one ballot for the person nominated for the specific state position for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020. Should there be more than one nomination for an officer position, a vote will be held, and when completed the State Secretary will announce the number of ballots cast, and to which candidate the majority of votes went. The number of votes for each candidate will not be disclosed.

The same format will be in effect for each Officer position. Voting will be conducted for State Officers as follows:

- 1. State Deputy - To be Nominated by Jim Pennell # 8555**
- 2. State Secretary - To be Nominated by Dan Dober # 10599**
- 3. State Treasurer - To be Nominated by Steve Dalton # 9303**
- 4. State Advocate - To be Nominated by Phillip Hurley # 5902**
- 5. State Warden - To be Nominated by James Boland # 6672**

Brothers, if you have any questions on, or are unsure of any part of the voting process, please feel free to contact me or one of the current State Officers at your convenience.

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Bio for Gordon Lannon – Nominee for State Deputy

Leo Gordon Lannon is a retired journalist. He spent 33 years with C B C Radio News working in Eastern, Central and Western Newfoundland

Gordon has been a volunteer with, and a leader of, many different organizations. He was an executive member of the Lions Club in Harbour Grace, organized and served as the leader of a Scout Group in Clarenville, coached minor softball and minor curling, and served as an executive member of Senior Softball, Senior Curling and the Golf Association in Clarenville,

In addition to his civic and volunteer work, Gordon is also active in his church and with the Knights of Columbus. Gordon has served as Chairperson of the Parish Council at Holy Rosary Parish in Pasadena and continues to be a lay reader and Church Usher.

In 1984 Gordon joined the Knights of Columbus as a Charter member of Our Lady of Fatima Council in Clarenville, and then in 1986, he became a Fourth Degree Member.

In 1999, after re-locating to the West Coast of the province Gordon became a member of Archbishop Neil McNeil Council # 8555 in Pasadena

Gordon has served on the Executive of Archbishop Neil MacNeil Council since 1999 and has filled many of the positions on the executive including Recorder, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, and two terms as Grand Knight. In 2012 Gordon was elected Faithful Navigator with Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624, and served two years as FN.

In 2013 Gordon was elected to the State Council and has served on the State Board as State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer, and State Secretary.

Gordon is married to Margaret Fitzpatrick and they have three children.

Bio for Pat Gambin – Nominee for State Secretary

Pat is retired after teaching for over 30 years. During his career as a teacher he taught in most areas of Newfoundland and Labrador with 25 years in Labrador. He retired in 2003. He presently holds the position of State Secretary, a position to which he was elected at last year's State Convention in Gander.

Pat took an active part in community life in each community where he worked by being involved with the Church, recreation groups, fundraising groups at the local and provincial levels, such as the Heart and Stroke foundation, Cancer society, and the Kidney foundation.

At the school level Pat was active with coaching school teams such as hockey, soccer, volleyball, gymnastics and especially wrestling which he has coached since 1972. He has wrestled with and coached provincial wrestling teams at the national level.

Pat joined the Knights of Columbus in 1986 at Bishop Scheffer Council in Happy Valley–Goose Bay where he served in many different positions, for 20 years, including Grand Knight for 2 years and Membership Director of the Council for most of his tenure. He was appointed to the State Board as District Deputy for Labrador in 2001. He served in that capacity for 4 years until 2005 and in May 2005 he was elected State Warden for our jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador. He was re-elected to the position of State Warden the following Columbian year. In 2006 Pat moved to McIvers on the north shore of the Bay of Islands where he transferred his membership to Archbishop Howley #2581 in Corner Brook. In 2007, Pat was elected as State Advocate and served in that position for the year 2007-08. Due to family commitments, Pat resigned from the position of State Advocate in June 2008 to take up a teaching position in the Northwest Territories.

After returning from the Northwest Territories, Pat was appointed to the position of Membership Director and in 2015 he was elected to the position of State Warden (AGAIN) which he held for 2 years before being elected to the position of State Treasurer in 2017 and again in 2018. Pat has served as State Membership Director for 7 years, a position he presently holds. He is still actively involved in his home council in Corner Brook where he is the council's Lottery chairman, membership director and youth director.

Pat is still very active in sports, his Church and other community activities. He plays ice hockey 3-4 times a week and teaches Newfoundland/Irish square dancing on occasions at some schools in the Bay of Islands area.

Pat lives in McIvers in the Bay of Islands, on the west coast of the Island approximately 35 kilometers from his home council. In spite of the distance he attends general meetings on a regular basis and participates in most council functions.

He has 3 children with his wife, Delores and are the proud grandparents of one grand daughter age 10 and two grandsons ages 8 and 11.

Bio for Gary Gallagher – Nominee for State Treasurer

Brother Gary Gallagher has been a member of the order since April of 1986, He has held many positions in his council including four years as Grand Knight of Council 9303, three years as District Deputy and has served on the NL State Board in the positions of State Warden, State Advocate and since July 2019 has served as State Treasurer.

Brother Gallagher is retired from Bell Aliant where he worked for Thirty-Four years. He holds a diploma in Electrical Technology from CONA. His primary responsibilities at Bell Aliant were as a manager in technical operations. Since his retirement some 14 years ago he and his partner have established their own company and currently do limited contractual assignments throughout the Caribbean specializing in DC Power and telecommunication services.

Besides being a member of this great organization he is a long-time member of the Telephone Pioneers Association of America with the Fort Pepperell Club and assists at many of their functions throughout the year. In 1985 Brother Gallagher spearheaded a group of local parishioners and then co-chaired the building committee which constructed the current St. Thomas of Villanova Church located in Manuels, Conception Bay South.

In 1995 he joined the Manuels River Natural Heritage Society in Conception Bay South. He rose to position as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Society. Realizing new space was needed to operate the Society and expand its goals he again spearheaded a project to build a new Centre. He along with a Co-Chair led a community group of volunteers and undertook and oversaw the construction of the new Manuels River Hibernia Interpretation Centre. A building which has now become the center piece of the Conception Bay South community activities in the town. In 2012 he was awarded the Harris Fellow Award, Rotary's highest honor, from the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast for his work on the new Centre. He retired from the Board of Manuels River in February of 2013.

Brother Gallagher devotes considerable time to his parish and has been a constant member of the church choir at St. Thomas of Villanova for over 30 years. He serves in his own Council as Advocate and is a Fourth Degree

member of Archbishop Howley Assembly in St. John's. He and his wife Sheila reside in Conception Bay South and they have three sons and one granddaughter all of whom reside in the St. John's Conception Bay South area. Gentlemen I am proud to put forth the name of Brother Gary Gallagher as your State Treasurer for 2020-2021.

Bio for Paul Baldwin – Nominee for State Advocate

Paul Baldwin is a retired Canadian Forces officer with 26 years of service to our Country. He started his journey in Knighthood while in the military and has served in Councils in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and here at home in Newfoundland.

Brother Baldwin has held numerous positions in both the Third and Fourth degrees and at the State level.

1. Outside Guard, Monsignor Boyd Council, Faithful Purser, Donald Clattenburg Assembly, Oromocto, New Brunswick;
2. Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight, Father Joseph E. Mills Council, Eastern Passage Nova Scotia, State Community Director Nova Scotia; and
3. Here at home; Grand Knight and Trustee of Monsignor McCarthy Council, Past Faithful Navigator of Dalton Assembly, Past State Warden and the current State Advocate.

Brother Baldwin has been an active member of his parish as Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, and member of the Parish Council. He was Chair of the Parish Council at St. Mary's Parish, Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick; Chair of the Parish Council at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Canadian Forces Base Shearwater, Nova Scotia; and a former member of the St. Patrick's Parish Council in Carbonear.

Interested in our youth, Brother Baldwin was a chaperone for the Stubenville East youth pilgrimage held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro, Massachusetts. As Grand Knight of Monsignor McCarthy Council, he was instrumental in organizing and chaperoned a group from St. Patrick's Parish that attended the first Stubenville Atlantic that was held at Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

A Canadian Forces veteran, Brother Baldwin is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 in Carbonear and a former executive officer. He is also the past Vice President of the Second Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Riding Club, a national riding club for veterans and supporters of veterans.

Brother Baldwin and his wife Christine (nee Butt) of Carbonear have been happily married for 32 years and have three children Jessica, Andrew and David.

Bio for Brendan Vickers – Nominee for State Warden

As a member of the Knight of Columbus Dean Patrick Cleary Council # 6672 for this past 36 years, Brendan Vickers has held many positions from Trustee to the Grand Knight position.

Brother Brendan has held the office of District Deputy for District # 5 and for the Columbian Year 2019-2020 held the office of State Warden and State Program Director.

Brother Brendan is the Finance Chair Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Witless Bay. He is also a Eucharistic Minister and takes part in other ministries in the Church including Sunday morning Communion Service at the local Seniors Home.

Brother Brendan is also a member of the Holy Cross Cemetery committee in Witless Bay.

Brother Brendan work in the transportation industry for both air and ground. He has held various management positions over the years in this industry. For this past 18 years he has been employed by Altimax Courier, a company that provides service worldwide.

Brother Brendan resides in Bay Bulls with his wife Pat and his goofy golden Labrador Retriever Jake.



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Brothers,

The election of the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council is one of the items that is required to be completed during the annual State Convention for each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction.

The State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates. In addition to these, Newfoundland and Labrador can elect two more Third Degree members to represent us at the meeting – one Insurance member and one Associate member.

The nomination format will be as follows:

My name is _____, Council _____: Worthy State Deputy, I nominate the following member as the Insurance delegate to the Supreme Council Meeting: Joe Delegate

Nominations will cease automatically after three calls, and if there are no other nominations, the State Secretary will cast one ballot for the person nominated to be the specific representative. Should there be more than one nomination for a representative, a vote will be held, and when completed the State Secretary will announce the number of ballots cast, and to which candidate the majority of votes went. The number of votes for each candidate will not be disclosed. The member with the greatest number of ballots will be elected.

A similar format will be followed for the election of the Association representative.

My name is _____, Council _____: Worthy State Deputy, I nominate the following member as the Association delegate to the Supreme Council Meeting: Joe Delegate

The same format will also be used to elect up to four alternate Delegates. If there are more than four nominations, the members with the greatest number of ballots will be elected.

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