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State Secretary

Date: 2 May 2024

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights.

It is my privilege, as State Secretary, to respectfully submit an annual report for the 2023-2024 Columbian Year.

I take this opportunity to offer thanks and appreciation to Worthy State Deputy Gary Gallagher, my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and State Directors for their support, encouragement, and cooperation throughout the past Columbian Year.

This past year has been a great learning experience. It was a pleasure to meet with all of the District Deputies, State Personnel, New Grand Knights and their spouses in July for our Organizational Meeting. I have attended numerous Supreme Virtual Meetings with my counterparts across the nation and compared best practices and lessons learned.

Communications at all levels is paramount if we want to succeed as an Order; not just communications coming down from Supreme and State levels but upwards from Councils. Timely submission of Reports is key to success.

In Closing I wish to thank all my Brother Knights for the trust and confidence you placed in me by electing me as State Secretary at your 105th State Convention.

On behalf of myself and my wife Christine, I extend fraternal greetings to all my Brother Knights and their families as we meet in St. John's to celebrate our 106th State Convention.

Paul R Baldwin
State Secretary



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State Treasurer's Report

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It is my privilege, as State Treasurer, in accordance with Article IV, Section 9, of our State By-Laws, to respectfully submit the Annual Financial Report, detailing the financial position of the order in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador for the 2023-2024 Financial Year.

The report, along with the financial information and related schedules, will be made available to the Audit Committee chairman and members of the Audit Committee, for their review and approval.

The office of State Treasurer is a constantly challenging one and fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of this important office can, at times, be daunting. I was elected as State Treasurer, for this term, at the State Convention in April 2023 and thanks for the support of my fellow State Officers, and all subordinate councils in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, I am able to present this year's financial report.

I offer sincere thanks, and appreciation to you, my Brother Knights, for your trust and confidence in electing me as State Treasurer for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador. I would also extend my sincere thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Gary Gallagher and to my fellow State Officers, for their overwhelming support throughout the year.

On behalf of my wife Pat, I offer fraternal greetings to all Brother Knights and their families, as we come together this weekend in St. John's to celebrate our Annual State Convention.

Vivid Jesus
Brendan Vickers
State Treasurer



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State Advocate

Date: 2 May 2024

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The 2023 – 2024 Columbian year has been a rewarding year for the executive and the order. As State Advocate it's been a busy year. I want to note that our District Deputies have been pushing the required reports from our councils and thanks to the leadership of our Grand Knights, there has been an increase in compliance, especially in the area of Safe Environment training. Submissions of council forms required are also up. If we all pull together, we can meet the requirements for Star Council. We proved that last year with our recruitment efforts. As knights and a team, we are quite capable. Please reach out to any State Executive member or your district deputies for assistance in any area. Grand Knights, let's work towards 2024- 2025 and making our councils fully compliant.

During this Columbian year, a number of programs were sponsored by the State Executive and carried out by members of the 4th degree assemblies and our councils. Most revolved around the Father McGivney Relic tour which ran from March 2023 – December 23rd, 2023. A year and a half of pre planning opening and closing events took place, prior to the relics arrival, which was conducted and sponsored by the State Executive and the Blessed Father Michael McGivney Relic Team. This team consisted of Vicar General of the Archdiocese of St John's, Father Cecil Critch, Past State Chaplain Jeff Kolonel, and State Advocate Darrell Long. It was decided early on that our District Deputies would coordinate within their jurisdictions for district – councils BFM relic events. As State Advocate, I would liaise with all District deputies, assigning dates and times the relic would be assigned to them and to coordinate the travels province wide. Brother Brendan Vickers, State Treasurer was instrumental in the relic's movements and I thank him for this great service.

On the State Level, March 22, 2023 at 700 pm the BFM team organized a reception service of welcome for the relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney at the Cathedral Basilica of St John the Baptist. The Celebrant was V.G Father Cecil and S.C Father Jeff Kolonel provided the homily.

Members of the 4th degree assembly and representative Knights of many councils were in attendance. Parishioners from various parts of the dioceses were also in attendance. The St Bon's band and Choir put of a world class show, and the crowning jewel of the event was the Father Michael McGivney song written by Knight Michael Fagan. Veneration of the relic was held after the event, as it was with all events. Many parishioners were moved as were many of our senior Knights, whose shoulders we now stand noted. This followed by a social sponsored by Terra Nova Council and the State Executive. It is important to note that our V.G Father Cecil Critch pulled out all the stops at these many events.

On March 29, 2023 700 pm. A Founders Day Mass was held at the Cathedral Basilica of St John the Baptist. This was also well attended by our assemblies, councils and parishioners. This was a moving mass which was followed up with veneration of the relic and confession. This set the tone for the next 9 months, of events held in Newfoundland and Labrador. It was evident then that the relic was most welcome and that wherever it went, it would remind us of the core principles of our faith. The tour of our province was going to provide an opportunity for the faithful to encounter Blessed Father Michael McGivney and deepen their relationship with God.

Prior to our April 28-30 2023 convention, the relic toured the north east Avalon and greater St John's area with private visitations, masses and veneration

From April 28-30, 2023, the Knights of Columbus held our state council's annual 3 day convention in St. John's. This was a remarkable convention with posters in support of our priests and of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, and the presentation of his relic. The event opened with the recitation of the hymn of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. The 4th degree held meetings that Friday afternoon with the relic present and afterwards, the relic was escorted in by members of the 4th degree and placed before the podium of the state executive for the commencement. The relic was escorted at each daily gathering of our members by many of our senior Knights who noted what a privilege it was to escort the relic.

At the conclusion of our State Convention meetings, arrangements were made to prepare the relics journey to Labrador. There were great homilies at its many stops in the province. Due to demand, the relic tour was extended by nearly three weeks.

The Relic tour commenced on the island of Newfoundland, visiting the greater St. John's area as well as the southern shore for private veneration and visitations. From there, the relic traveled to the Labrador portion of our province and visited communities including Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Sheshatshiu (Innu First Nation), Wabush and Labrador City. On its return to the island, it visited Stephenville, Stephenville Crossing, Flat Bay (a Mi'kmaq community), Corner Brook, Pasadena, Deer Lake, Springdale, Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishop's Falls, Harbour Breton, Bonavista, Carbonear, Harbour Grace, Conception Bay South, Bell Island, Witless Bay, Bay Bulls, Goulds, Southern Shore, Burgeo and Gander. Many locations held a variety of welcoming events for the relic and the recommended programs. A final mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and their families was held on November 19th, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of St John the Baptist. Our celebrant was Vicar General Cecil Critch who worked on the promotion of this tour from the onset. Gander Newfoundland was its last host on December 19th, 2023

NL Relic Tour Total statistics:

- 10 Knight Districts
- Some 405,212 square kilometers traveled

- Relic visitation into an estimated 141 private homes, three personal care homes, two monasteries
- Estimated 96 veneration events
- 89 masses were held throughout the province with the relic
- 16 councils' general meetings
- Three 4th degree assembly meetings
- Two councils' installations of council officers
- Two councils' had exemplification of new members with the relic
- Two 3-day State Council provincial meetings
- Three prayer services
- The relic was present at one baptism and two first communions
- Ten cemetery prayer services were held
- Prayer and veneration for the Center for Life organization
- Three private requests for Knights to offer intercessory prayers for others

A fundraiser was also held during the tour, with the sale of Father Michael McGivney relic t-shirts. Two seminarians were assisted with the funds raised through the State Council and members of the order

On behalf of the past, and present the State Executive, State Deputy Gary Gallagher we congratulate the proud members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Knights of Columbus. This was truly a team event. It was because all assembly and council members working together that this was a great success. There were also very many in our faith community's province wide that contributed. Thank you all. I especially thank the BFM team, V.G Cecil Critch and PSC Jeff Kolonel for their great contribution participation and spiritual guidance for the tour. I also acknowledge the many priests and religious province wide who welcomed the relic of our Blessed founder. Together, we all moved just a little closer to our God.

Concluding comments, As State Advocate, I've assembled a Resolutions Committee for the 2023 – 2024 Columbian year. We will have the resolutions ready for convention.

Long Live the order

Darrell Long
 State Advocate
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District Deputy #1

Date: 2 May 2024

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District #1 is composed of 3 Councils which are active –Bishop Dalton Council 1448, Avalon Council 2223, and Monsignor McCarthy Council 5902.

The three active councils in District 1 were busy during July and August planning for the arrival of the Blessed Michael McGivney relic. During September, all three councils, Dalton Council, Avalon Council, and Msgr. McCarthy Council had different events planned. Sunday Mass was celebrated in 5 different churches, St. Joseph's in Kingston, St. Patrick's in Carbonear, St. Joseph's in Riverhead, All Hollows in North River, and St. Patrick's in Brigus. Four different priests were involved in the different parishes: Father Alejandro Credo, Father Anthony Nwoko, Father Julius Nwosu, and Father Emmanuel Osuagwu.

Avalon Council 2223 in Bay Roberts held its Election of Officers, and later the Installation of Officers. The Council held its Columbus Day celebrations in November, and it was commendable to witness the service provided by this Council: support for the parish and parish priest, support for the community (Helping Hand: Goodwill Center and Food Bank), Coats for Kids, support for the Breakfast Programs in all area schools, support for the Guiding Movement, Scholarships for Children of Members, etc. All reports are up to date, and most council leaders are compliant with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program. The Council Chaplain is present at many council events.

Bishop Dalton Council 1448 in Harbor Grace held its Election of Officers in September. The position of Grand Knight is temporarily filled by Deputy Grand Knight. There was an excellent turn out of members during the Relic Tour, especially for the Sunday Mass, for the Mass in memory of deceased members, and with the Rosary in Immaculate Conception Cemetery. There was also good support and attendance for the "Prayer Service for Peace in our World" hosted by Dalton Assembly. The Council also participated in the Harbour Grace Pirates to Pilots Festival Open Doors, and is involved in programs with other community volunteers, for example, the mowing and cleaning up Bennett's Lane Cemetery.

Monsignor McCarthy Council 5902 held its Election of Officers, and later the Installation of Officers in the presence of the Relic. As well, the Council made sure that the Relic was highly visible not only in St. Patrick's Parish, Carbonear, but also in Corpus Christi Parish on the North Shore. During July, Monsignor McCarthy Council # 5902 provided Camp Delight with a new home at Camp McCarthy. This was a weeklong overnight camp for children and youth ages 7 to 17 years, who are children living with or beyond cancer, their siblings, and bereaved siblings. The Council was also involved with many community events, providing breakfast to residents and visitors, and hosting events for parishioners, such as a Garden Party, St. Patrick's Day celebrations, and local fundraisers. The Council continues to support the Parish Priest, and the parishes in the area. The Council is also involved in Faith activities such as the Light Up for Christ, and the Keep Christ in Christmas program.

Congratulations to all three Councils on a successful year. However, all Councils need to look at the challenge of attracting new members. The overall membership is declining. Perhaps in the coming year, an increase in program centered on our pillars of Faith, Family, Life, and Community will help.

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Date: 2 May 2024

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COUNCIL 1452-Terra Nova.....Installation of Officers was late being done on Oct 23rd due having so many unfilled positions on the Executive. Visited November 16th. Council has a roster of 400+. Just enough members in attendance so that the meeting did not have to be cancelled due to lack of quorum. Exemplification Jan 14,2024. Membership growth is good but due mostly to the social benefits offered to new members. Regretfully the Council Grand Knight Wayne Furlong passed on March 11th,2024, just short of his 62nd birthday. The Council is still functioning under the capable leadership of DGK Chris O'Brien.

COUNCIL 6001-Avondale..... I have contacted the last known Grand Knight on several times. He claims that meeting have been very sporadic since Covid and they do not have anywhere to meet, even though they have a nice large Church right there in the community. I really do not think this Council will be revitalized without a change in attitude. Many years ago, as the District Deputy, I told them that without new members, they will not survive. The last member joined was May 29,2010.

COUNCIL 7702-St. Teresa's..... Installation July 5th. All position filled except Lecturer which was fill very shortly there after. Council meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. With a total membership of 70+ at the monthly meeting there is an attendance of 25-30. This shows a lot of support for the Grand Knight and Executive.

Exemplifications held on Dec 6th , Feb 28th and another planned for May 1st. With the loss of the Parish Hall this Council has lost one of its major fund raisers (Bingo). None the less, the council has come up with some innovated way to offset the loss of Bingo. Change in Financial Secretary has caused a few problems, but they are now on the right course. Membership growth has been very good, and the Council have a solicitation program that is working well.

Fraternally,

Frank Follett



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District Deputy #3

Date: 2 May 2024

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights. Greetings on behalf of District #3.

This District is comprised of Mary Queen of Peace Council 7405, St Paul's Council 11776 and Father John B. Kent 6638. The councils in my district have been continuing with their spiritual and charitable works of mercy. All four programme areas Faith, Community, Family and Life are captured in their activities.

Councils provided financial support to their Parishes and participated in the various Ministries in their churches.

During the Holy Christmas season councils helped set up Nativity Scenes, erected "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs and participated in the annual St John's Christmas Parade with a Keep Christ in Christmas Float.

Community support continued through donations to The Gathering Place, funding for scholarships for high schools in Mount Pearl, overseeing the day to day operation of a Senior's Home in Mount Pearl, participating in the annual Memorial Day and Remembrance Day celebrations and continued to support the Food for Families Program by participating and running local Food Banks. Support for Life Programs was achieved through financial support for the Centre for Life, supply of products for the annual Centre for Life Fall Auction and running the Silver Rose program.

All three councils have been busy and getting back to their regular activities. There has been some membership growth but we still need to focus more in this area. More emphasis needs to be placed on restarting programs and introducing new programs to stimulate more interest in the Knights of Columbus if we are to achieve our growth targets. Overall this has been a successful year for all three councils and I expect to see continued improvement in the coming new Fraternal Year.



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District Deputy #.5

Date: 2 May 2024

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights. Greetings on behalf of District

District #5 represents councils number 6494 St. Anne's Dunville Council number 6672 Dean Patrick Cleary Witless Bay. Council number 13320 St. Mary's S. M.B StAnne's Council 6494 do not have an elected executive other than Brother Douglas Power acting as FS. looking after council affairs with a few members through ticket sales of the State Lottery to continue to pay the council assessments Doug shared with me that he would continue to do this to have the Council in good standing until funds are depleted, Hoping to recruit new members, please join with them in prayers that God will provide for the continued success of this council.

Dean Patrick Cleary Council 6672 continues to support the Churches in their respective communities. Council members are active in fund raising through dart tournaments ticket sales community bingo, they also join with others in their community the volunteer fire dept. the R C M P to collect food for hampers for those in need. They also reach out to the seniors through their breakfast program and special Birthdays especially in the seniors complex. Through the many activities in their communities they are well known and respected. During the past three years as DD. I have attended most of their regular monthly meetings always welcomed, during the last meeting we discussed the importance of recruiting for the success of the council.

Council 13320 is my home Council we are active within the Churches in our communities through the faith programs and ministries in the churches. We are also active with visitation to the sick and seniors. We also participate with legion members on July first and remembrance day celebrations. Activities in our schools Keep Christ In Christmas Banners, drug and alcohol program, both schools participate in the basketball free throw, also interested in both floor hockey and soccer for next years programs. We as a Council are having discussions concerning new members to secure our future as Knights Of Columbus for ST. Mary's Bay. I am personally concerned for the three councils in District No 5 during the past three years I have noticed a decline in membership in each of the three councils due to age and sickness.

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District Deputy #6

Date: 2 May 2024

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On behalf of the Councils in District #6, I bring greetings to the State Board and to Supreme Representative Paul Perry and all in attendance at this year's Annual State Convention.

I want to thank the State Board for appointing me as District Deputy # 6. District # 6 is comprised of the following Councils. , Council 8640, - Kings Cove, , Council 10599 – Marystown, Of the four Councils in this district two are active and two are inactive or suspended. The three inactive Councils are Council 9654 – Fogo Island, Council 10323 –and Council 10855 – Burin.

This past year the other three Councils have not been as active as they normally would any other year.

Msgr. Wm. Williams Council 8640 – King's Cove

This past year Msgr. Wm. Williams Council was not as active as it normally would be. A couple of the activities it continued through the year are, for weekend Mass, its members made sure the heat was on in parish churches, cleared snow and ice, and salted steps and walkways to the church. At Christmas time gave each of our Council widows a \$25 gift card to use to purchase items for their Christmas dinner. At our November they finally elected a Grand Knight.. Last spring they sold 203, 50/50 raffle tickets and 3305 Fall Sweep tickets. Also this past year, this council hosted the Fr. McGivney relic, with mass for deceased members at St's. Peter & Paul Church, King's Cove, Rosary and Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Bonavista. On two days our parish priest Fr. Gabriel, brought it with him on home sick calls in St. Patrick's Parish, Plate Cove.

Ville Marie Council 10599 – Marystown.

Like other Councils Ville Marie Council in Marystown was not as active as it would normally be. Some of their members still did their own activities. One of the activities that this Council took part in was a Thanksgiving time food drive. They managed to raise 1200 pounds of food, along with \$600 in donations. Like other Councils they are having trouble selling the 50/50 raffle tickets, not being able to take advantage of the many places they would normally be able to sell tickets in. Last spring Ville Marie Council sold 172, 50/50 raffle tickets and 2589 of the Fall Sweep tickets.

Ville Marie Council also hosted the Fr. McGivney relic at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin in Marystown. Also hosted the relic at Parish masses on November 11 & 12.

Jerry Barker, DD#6



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I thank our State Deputy Brother Gary Gallagher for giving me the opportunity to serve as District Deputy for District # 7.

District # 7 is comprised of two councils: Father Michael Hayes Council # 7127 and St. Ignatius Council # 13763.

Both Councils were successful in filling elected and appointed positions to their executive and those Council Officers were duly installed by me.

Father Michael Hayes Council # 7127 though small in numbers is still active in the church and around the community. They laid a wreath for the Remembrance Day celebration. They entered a float in the Santa Clause parade using the theme Keep Christ in Christmas. They decorated the parish residence and the church with Christmas lights. During the summer they do cutting of the lawns around the cemeteries and the church grounds.

St. Ignatius Council # 13763 is having another successful year within the church, around the community and working with youth. They do the sweeping of the church parking lot after a long winter of sanding, cleans up the two cemeteries the week before Mothers Day. At Christmas they decorate a tree inside and outside the church. On July 1st. Beaumont Hamel and November 11th. Remembrance Day celebrations they lay a wreath. St. Ignatius enters a float into the Santa Clause parade using the theme Keep Christ in Christmas.

They work with the youth getting them involved in the basketball Free Throw. St. Ignatius Council run the program Keep Christ in Christmas and Drug and Alcohol poster contest with great success. They also make a monetary donation to the scholarship fund at the local school, Bay d' Esprit Academy.



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It is certainly my pleasure as District Deputy # 9 to present this report. During the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, I have visited each of the three councils, ArchBishop Howley Council 2581 in Corner Brook, ArchBishop Neil McNeil 8555 in Pasadena and MSGR. Walter Brennan 8749 in Deer Lake on a regular basis where I was able to speak to Brother Knights before and after the council meetings.

I would, as always, pass along my greeting from our Supreme Knight-Patrick E. Kelly and proceed with informing each council with emails and monthly webinars so as to keep all Brother Knights well informed of upcoming news and events and the changes that needed to be addressed.

The Grand Knights in District #9, WGK Brian Terry of 2581 in Corner Brook, WGK Terence Mugford of 8555 in Pasadena and WGK Wayne Bennett of 8749 in Deer Lake led their perspective councils in the Fraternal year of 2023-2024. Those three councils used the information that was provided to them and as well passed along to their council members to help promote our four pillars in our order of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Each of the four councils ran various fun raisers throughout the Fraternal Year with more planned in order to promote our four pillars.

I was able to put together our District meeting in August 2023 with our three councils in Pasadena where all councils suggested ideas on ways to help work together and ways that councils can take information back to their councils to help promote the Knights of Columbus to the areas. I am a big supporter on

everyone giving input from all councils to help all councils when are in need of help and guidance from each other.

I was (with the help of my District Warden Michael Leonard) was able to attend and took part in the Installation of council officers for this Fraternal Year.

District #9 was very involved starting June 14, 2023 until July 4,2023 hosting the Father McGivney Relic tour The three councils were very involved in promoting the relic tour in their parishes and councils and was able to have veneration after each mass so the parish community to view and pray to our holy relic.

Council 2581 in Corner Brook just completed a series of Faith Development gatherings during Lent to help promote our COR program that was led by our State Chaplin of NL Father Edward Terry, council 2581 Chaplin Father Lee Lainey and our State Faith director for NL and WGK for 2581 Brother Brian Terry. During the Faith development seminars, we were able to have the Silver Rose in our presence where all Brother Knights were able to pray the rosary. The Silver Rose made another presence at the fourth degree meeting at Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624 monthly meeting where we prayed the rosary led by Father Edward Terry.

Just recently, council 2581 sponsored the local and regional basketball free throw events in Corner Brook. The winners from the regional event, was to represent District 9 and 10 at the State level free throw in Bishops Falls, NL.

I was able to attend an exemplification ceremony in the District to help bring Worthy Catholic gentlemen into our order.

**Fraternally,
Michael Connolly
District Deputy #9**



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It is with great pleasure that I submit this report on the activities and events which took place in District 10 during the past Columbian year. District 10 is comprised of three Councils: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville (Grand Knight Conrad Benoit), P.J Cooney Council 9789 in Codroy (Grand Knight Gerald Lewis) and Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464 in Stephenville Crossing, (Grand Knight Hubert Hynes). I have visited each of these Councils several times and observed the election of officers and conducted the installation of Council officers in each of them. I set goals for each visit and try to influence improvements in each Council as necessary. I am in regular contact with the Grand Knights and we work together to resolve any issues or problems as they arise.

OLPH Council 3742

This continues to be a strong Council which ran a full range of excellent programs in all four faith in action categories. The Blessed McGivney relic tour was particularly well done with several masses, visits to the sick, and rosaries in all parishes throughout the Stephenville and Port au Port area. This Council has an excellent working relationship with the parish priest and parish council and provides a high level of manpower and financial support to the parish. As an example, the Council recently paid for and had installed a new heating system for the church. A new financial secretary, Brother Denis Burke was appointed this year with the retirement of Brother Peter Walsh whose faithful service of over twenty years as FS was greatly appreciated by all. It is anticipated that a full slate of officers will be available for the next election. OLPH Council has recruited 9 new members this year some of whom are engaged in programs and preparing to take positions on next years executive. With bingo and the Toonie Toss this Council has robust fundraising capacity which it uses along with dues and ticket revenue to fund programs, charitable donations, and parish support. With large scale industrial development coming to the area this Council is well positioned to grow in the coming years.

Our Lady of Assumption Council 9464

This is a small but active Council which ran several good programs mainly in the faith and community categories. Their Council meetings are always well conducted and are always preceded by the rosary in the church next door. The Grand Knight organized an outstanding tour with the Blessed McGivney relic taking it to special masses and veneration at churches in Stephenville Crossing, St Georges, Flat Bay and Burgeo as well as several visits to the sick. This tour certainly raised the profile of the Knights of Columbus in the local area. One of their executive, Brother Lawrence Connolly passed away suddenly this past year and the Council conducted an excellent funeral service complete with honor guard and altar servers. The family was most appreciative. For the first time in several years this Council recruited one new member this year and they are actively pursuing others. The Grand Knight Brother Hubert Hynes will be leaving the area this summer and he will definitely be missed. It is anticipated however that a suitable successor will be available to take his position. Overall, this is a small but effective Council with a positive impact in the parish and community. It is anticipated that they will have a full slate of officers for the coming year.

P.J. Cooney Council

This is a small Council in a rural area and they are challenged by the age of their membership and a lack of recruitment. This year an election and installation of officers took place and the position of Grand Knight was filled by Brother Gerald Lewis; a position that went vacant for the past two years. This was a positive development. This Council plans and runs two major community programs; winter carnival and folk festival which provides them with ample funding to support their activities. They have a faith director and provide support to activities at various churches in their area. The Blessed McGivney relic tour was well done with a special mass and veneration at St Anne's church in Codroy attended by several Council members and a large showing from the public. Their Council meetings are organized and deal effectively with the business at hand. This Council is making some improvements however it must recruit if it is to sustain itself.

Conclusion

Overall, it has been a very busy year in District 10 with the highlight being the Blessed McGivney relic tour. This tour inspired us all to be better and raised the profile of the Knights of Columbus throughout our District. The major challenges going forward centers on recruitment particularly in small rural Councils with an aged membership. As both DD and Membership Director for OLPH Council I have made it know to all Grand Knights that I am prepared to conduct an Exemplification at any Council in the District that does not have the resources to do so. As membership director for the past two years, I have noted two important facts about recruiting: Firstly, many prospects say they haven't joined the Knight's of Columbus because they have never been asked and secondly, good programs present excellent recruiting opportunities. Hopefully in the coming year we can show unity of purpose in recruiting new members and reinvigorating our Councils.



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State Life Director Report

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

The pro-life mission that we demonstrate, as Knights of Columbus members, is of vital importance in ensuring that all human life is protected from conception to natural death. Our voices have to be heard.

This year eight councils submitted Life Reports. Thank you to the contributing councils and I strongly encourage all councils to submit a report next year. From the reports received it is obvious that our councils continually strive to support and deliver the Life message. Councils participated in many of the life supporting activities such as: Silver Rose Program, Novenas, Support for the Centre for Life, Resolution on *MAID*, Baby of the month, Transportation for seniors, Spiritual Adoptions and Special Olympics just to name a few.

The Silver Rose was in our province again this year. Seven councils participated in promoting the message to respect life. I wish to encourage other councils to participate in this very beautiful and worthwhile program next year.

In closing I wish great success for our 106th convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Hurley and Ellen Merrigan
NL. State Council Life Chair-Couple



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ANNUAL REPORT FRATERNAL YEAR 2023/2024 State Family Director

May 2, 2024

Worthy Brother Knights,

Welcome everyone to the 106th annual K of C NL State Convention. While I have previously attended the State Convention on several previous occasions, I am covering new territory in my first year as State Family Director.

Once again this year, our Order's Food for Families initiative was well conducted throughout our jurisdiction. I am pleased to announce that this past year, our Councils contributed over \$20 000 worth of financial support to food banks throughout our province, which has helped offset some of the rising financial burden of supplying food, clothing, and toys on very needy families. This amount is above and beyond the numerous volunteer hours that our members provided to their communities in this regard. The appreciation of our members' contributions to this project cannot be understated.

Congratulations to all Councils who awarded State and/or Council scholarships this past year. Support for students entering their first year of post-secondary studies is available from all levels of Order (Council, State, and Supreme); please ensure that your Council is striving to promote these resources. Rest assured, that with the rising cost of living, State Council continues to explore new initiatives to provide opportunities for the Youth of our province to succeed to the best of their abilities, regardless of their financial situation.

While these programs highlight the success of our jurisdiction in promoting Family activities this past year, there are many more initiatives offered by Supreme Council that many of our Councils are not participating in. I regret to announce that there were very few councils that reported selecting Family of the Month and/or Family of the Year. As well, few councils participated in Family Week activities as encouraged by Supreme Council. Regular participation in these programs allows Councils the opportunity to recognize families making significant contributions to their Councils and their community, while also encouraging other families to become more active.

In addition, there are several opportunities for building our families' faith throughout our province. While the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign was successfully conducted by many of our Councils again this past year, other programs such as Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Fully Alive, Family Prayer Night, and Good Friday Family Promotion have fallen a bit by the wayside. I would like to encourage councils to take a glance at our Order's webpage for Family activities to see how they can begin participating in these programs.

God Bless,
Gerard Walsh
State Family Director NL



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Annual Report
Fraternal Year 2023 - 2024
Community**

Date May 2, 2024

**Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative,
Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights,
Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights,
Delegates, Brother Knights.**

**Thank you Worthy State Deputy, Gary Gallagher for appointing me as State
Community Director for the jurisdiction of Newfoundland Labrador. for the
year 2023 - 2024. It has been a pleasure working with State Program Director,
Ray Bonia, the State Board and subordinate councils.**

**The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest winners have been selected and
sent to the Supreme Council for international judging. The Alcohol Awareness and
Abuse and the Drug Awareness and Abuse Poster Contests were again this year
sponsored by the state council. The names of the winners of the contests were
chosen and sent to the state council for prize payout. There is always room for more**

councils to take part in those worthwhile programs.

The Basketball Free Throw Competition was another great success this year. There were participants from the four regions. We had about ninety parents and contestants at the competition. The names of the winners in all categories have been sent to the supreme council for international judging.

I would like to thank all brother knights and councils that helped with all the Community Programs and for your support during the Columbian year.

Fraternally,

John Thoms

State Community Director



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Master of Fourth Degree

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As I approach the remaining three months of my appointment as District Master, I guess it's as good a time as any, to reflect upon the importance of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, especially as it pertains to Newfoundland and Labrador.

How significant or insignificant do we see the Fourth Degree?

Out of the 14 Assemblies in NL, 10 are fairly active, with 8 of these 10 Assemblies receiving the Supreme Civic award last year. As well, Assembly 3490 in St. Albans earned the Supreme Star Assembly award.

There is a total of 842 Sir Knights presently on the NL roster, which is down 44 Sir Knights from last year.

The Fourth Degree has been seen as insignificant and unimportant by some, but most Councils and Parishes still see the Fourth Degree as relevant.

We have seen recently during the nine month Pilgrimage of the Blessed Michael McGivney Relic that the Fourth Degree was front, right, and center.

Most Assemblies realize that programs are vital, and essential for engaging members.

It's important to attend meetings. That's where significant plans are made. And of course, we are all concerned about membership recruitment.

Our goal is to promote the Fourth Degree, and to recommit ourselves to making the Fourth Degree more relevant, relevant among our councils and in our communities. We endeavor to increase the Fourth Degree presence not just at the assembly level, but in the workings of each council and their respective parishes.

Let us not be discouraged but let all of us encourage, and remember, that just as it happens on the Council level, every patriotic program has the power to inspire others to greater service. From that assurance, we will continue to see growth in the Fourth Degree.

Fraternally,
Gerard Butt
NL District Master, Fourth Degree
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Insurance Promotion Chairman Report 2023-2024

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Thank you to State Deputy Gallagher 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. With in excess of \$126 billion of insurance in force, the Knights of Columbus Insurance is a top rated company in North America for 48 consecutive years (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 continual promotion of the products, membership in the jurisdiction will increase.

I extend to all delegates, observers and families best wishes for a successful 106th State Convention.

Fraternally,

Maurice Lewis
Insurance Promotion Chairman



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State Website Chairman

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I would like to thank the Worthy State Deputy for appointing me to the position of Webmaster. We are living in a world that has been transformed by technology and if we do not keep up, we will be obsolete. It is my hope that the development of our webpage, www.kofcni.org, keeps us up to date .

Over the past year our webpage was used extensively to promote the Father McGivney Relic Tour. Many councils received the relic and had special ceremonies which were photographed. I was able to upload many of those pictures to a special page on our website. Brother Darrell Long is to be congratulated for a very successful Relic Tour.

As in past years, www.kofcni.org was the main source for scholarships applications which can be printed from the site. When the scholarships winners have been decided, the list of winners is can be found on our website.

The State Council has a number of fund raisers during the year and the winners are advertised on a special page on our website.

We have a special section of our website for "Knights in Action". Grand Knights are encouraged to take photos of events and to send some of the pictures to me so we can share information with other councils.

I would certainly invite all members to visit our website and the give any suggestions for changes

Fraternally

Patrick Craig PSD
State Webmaster.



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State Scholarship Chairman

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Thirty-four students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. One applicant was ineligible---in Grade 12 this year. There were 26 applications for the State Council Scholarships, 25 applications for the Channing Scholarship and 33 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. A total of **eighty-four** applications were received. Winners are determined using the Department of Education Honours Requirements guidelines.

Five State Scholarships at a value of \$1000 each, 1 Channing Scholarship valued at \$1000 and four Jubilee Scholarships at a value of \$500 each were awarded in 2023.

Channing Scholarship Winner

Caleb Tibbs is the son of Br. Stephen Tibbs, Fr. McCormack Council #5769, Gander. Caleb is attending McGill University in Montreal.

State Scholarship Winners

Isaac Merrigan is the son of Br. James Merrigan, Archbishop Neil McNeil Council #8555, Pasadena. Isaac is attending Memorial University.

Colin Spencer is the grandson of Br. Paul Gillingham, Archbishop Howley Council #2581, Corner Brook. Colin is attending University of Western Ontario, London, ON.

Kelly Aylward is the granddaughter of Br. Thomas Aylward (deceased), Dean Patrick Council #6672, Witless Bay. Kelly is attending Memorial University.

Molly Power is the daughter of Br. Desmond Power, Avalon Council #2223, North River. Molly is attending Memorial University.

Avari Duffy is the daughter of Br. Jeffrey Duffy, OLP Council #3742, Stephenville. Avari is attending St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS.

Jubilee Scholarship Winners

Rachel Devereaux is a graduate of Gonzaga High School, St. John's and is attending Memorial University.

Joel Penny is a graduate of Mount Pearl Senior High School, Mount Pearl and is attending Memorial University.

Tessa Cox is a graduate of Bay d'Espoir Academy, St. Alban's and is attending College of North Atlantic, St. John's.

Ciara O'Keefe is a graduate of Carbonear Collegiate, Carbonear and is attending Memorial University.

Supreme Scholarship Winner (\$1500 per year for 4 years)

Caleb Tibbs is the son of Br. Stephen Tibbs, Fr. McCormack Council #5769, Gander. Caleb is attending McGill University in Montreal.

Maurice Lewis
State Council Scholarship Director



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State Special Olympics Chairman

Date: 2 May, 2024

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The vision of the Special Olympics is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities. With this in mind, the Knights of Columbus is a proud supporter of the Special Olympics.

Special Olympics (S.O.) competitions both provincially and nationally take place every year. These include local competitions and the Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador Provincial Games. In addition to the fun, exciting and competitive experience these games also serve as the qualifying competition, providing an opportunity for our athletes to qualify as a member of Team NL. As a member of Team NL, they are eligible to advance to compete at the Special Olympics Canada National Games and potentially as a member of Team Canada in Special Olympics World Games. The World Games are the flagship event for the Special Olympics movement and take place every two years, alternating between summer and winter Games.

In 2023 the Special Olympics World Games were held in Berlin Germany from June 17th to 25th. Several athletes from this province were members of Team Canada and returned from the games victorious with the medals to prove it. Additionally, the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games were held in Calgary, Alberta from February 27th – March 2, 2024 and again athletes from Team NL were there to proudly represent Newfoundland and Labrador.

In addition to the provincial games, Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador offers different summer programs for athletes and their families such as the Fit Family and Friends program.

All councils are required to submit their Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) for Special Olympics to Supreme by January 31st of each year and submit a copy of it to the state executive

and the S. O. Chairman. Councils are also asked to report individual S.O. activities via form # 10784 to Supreme, State Council and the S. O. Chairman as soon as possible following the date of the activities. It is very important that Councils keep in mind that the reporting of individual S.O. programs during the Columbian year does not relieve any council of its responsibility to submit form #10784 by January 31st of each year.

It is also important to keep in mind that the amount of funding provided to the State Council, by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council for Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador, is based on the value of the reported number of volunteer hours, financial support and programs provided by councils in the jurisdiction.

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. As of April, 2024 only two councils in the jurisdiction have forwarded their form #10784 to the S. O. Chairman. The number of volunteer hours reported to date is 220 with an associated dollar value of \$510.00.

David Delaney

Special Olympics Chairman



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State Online Membership Chairman

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ONLINE MEMBERSHIP in the Knights of Columbus was introduced in 2017 to allow Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus by completing an online application and short ceremonial. These men would then be Associate Members under the jurisdiction of the State Council of the state in which they reside. Men who entered the Order through the online initiation would be permitted to purchase insurance, even though they have not taken the First Degree, and the Supreme Secretary would issue a membership card to the new Brother Knights.

Every state council is authorized to accept members through the online membership initiative. The Supreme Council office administers the state divisions, including the collection of dues and the issuance of membership cards.

Men who join the Order through the online membership initiative do not form a new class or type of member. Therefore, as members of the Knights of Columbus they are entitled to the rights and privileges of membership, which include being eligible:

- to attend local, state, and Supreme Council events,
- to attend local council meetings as nonvoting participants,
- to receive fraternal benefits,
- to purchase Knights of Columbus financial products and services, and
- to receive the Columbia magazine and other Supreme Council publications.

Men who join the Order online are encouraged to attend local council business meetings, and encouraged to become members of that council.

As of April 15, 27 new members have joined online in NL. Last year we had an all-time high of 52 members joining online. Our all-time intake for Online Membership is 141, with 58% of these so far converting or migrating to a local Council.

Please consider promoting Online Membership.

Gerard Butt, Online Membership Coordinator
NL State Council



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State Lottery Chairman

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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. David Delaney, Archbishop Howley Council, Corner Brook and myself, Bro. Jerry Barker, Msgr. Wm. Williams Council, King's Cove.

The 2023 State Lottery format remained the same as the previous year. There were 5814 tickets sold. Sales came to \$145,360.00. The ticket was drawn at the Annual State Convention. The winner was Sylvia Raymond of Pasadena who took home \$72,675.00. The remaining \$72,675.00 was split 60% to Councils and 40% to State Council. From the State's share all expenses were paid, license, printing / shipping and seller's prize.

Fall Ticket Sweep

This year there was change in the format for the prizes of these tickets. 1st – It was changed from three regions to two. Zone 'A' Eastern & Central, stopping at Fr. McCormack Council, Gander. 2nd – Western & Labrador.

The prize structure also changed the prizes were – 1st - \$5000, 2nd. \$1000, 3rd. \$500. With a \$500 seller's prize on the first place winner.

A breakdown of the 2023 sales region by region is as follows – Zone "A" Eastern –& Central, 534 sold at \$2 each and 24,911 sold at 3 for \$5. Total sales were \$42,591.00.- Zone "B" Western & Labrador, 71 sold at \$2 each and 19,190 at 3 for \$5. Sales were \$32,178.00.

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

Fraternally
Jerry Barker
State Lottery Chairman