

Knights of Columbus
107th Annual State Convention 2025
Capital Hotel, St. John's, NL

Saturday, May 3, 2025

9:10 AM Motion to Open the Meeting

Moved by 6638; seconded by 1448: To open the meeting.

Carried.

The State Deputy then asked the **State Chaplain** Father Edward Terry to **open with a prayer**. The Opening Ode was **not** sung.

9:15 AM Motion for Open Session (Families / Friends)

Moved by 7405; Seconded by 2742: That the rules of attendance be relaxed for an **Open Session** to allow family and friends to attend.

Carried.

The Ladies were escorted into the convention room by the State Warden.

9:20 AM Open session began with the singing of the **Blessed Michael McGivney hymn** composed by Brother Michael Fagan.

The Ladies were welcomed to the open session for family and friends. State Deputy Gary Gallagher introduced the State Officers, the Supreme Representative - Regional Growth Director Bro. Brandan Brown, and the Insurance Field Agent Savio Dias.

9:25 AM VideoMessage from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

The Supreme Knight thanks all members of the Knights of Columbus for their dedication, and expressed appreciation for the impact Brother Knights were having with the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. He said that the work of the Knights is valued, and we have set a new record of charitable giving. We continue to support our church, and continue to support a growth in our Faith, with our Pilgrim Icon, and COR programs. He also commended our promotion of Catholic Patriotism.

9:35 AM State Deputy's Report - NL State Deputy Gary Gallagher presented his report, highlighting the activities and progress of the Knights of Columbus in

Newfoundland and Labrador during the past year, and thanking all who made the past year a success. He noted that many different types of program were being carried out, and encouraged all to renew our loyalty to the Church, our parishes, priests, and to renew our commitment to our Order. He encouraged Councils to continue their service to those in need, and also thanked the families of Knights, who supported all our efforts.

9:50 AM State Chaplain's Report – Rev. Fr. Edward Terry noted that he was very pleased to have served as State Chaplain for the past two years. He spoke about the COR program, emphasizing that it is an excellent program to share the faith, uplift each other, and further develop the faith as we move forward. He said that as Knights of Columbus, we had all bonded together as Brothers. He said it was wonderful to meet so many of the Knights in the province, and hear about the accomplishments of individual Councils. He also praised the COR program as an excellent way to strengthen each other in our Catholic Faith.

(State Chaplain Annual Report included in Appendix.)

10:05 AM Insurance Message Savio Dias Field Agent, P.E.I - Savio Dias is now one of the Field Agents for NL. He gave a brief summary of his biography and experience. He expressed the sentiment that as Knights we are always looking out for one another, and always wanting to provide support to others. He recommended that as Knights we should take advantage of our excellent insurance benefits.

10:15 AM Before the Coffee Break, the State Secretary acknowledged the Councils that provided donations to the Coffee Break Fund.

10:15 AM Coffee Break

10:40 AM Opening of Official Business

Presentation of Temporary Roll Call (by State Secretary Paul Baldwin)

All State Officers present: SD Gary Gallagher, SC Father Terry, SS Paul Baldwin, ST Brendan Vickers, SA Darrell Long, SW Ray Bonia, and IPSD Pat Gambin.

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7702 P. Fahey & D. Rose
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13763 A. Willcott

The Supreme Representative - Regional Growth Director Bro. Brandan Brown spoke very briefly to the gathering, introducing himself, and expressing his appreciation to be able to attend the annual convention here in Newfoundland and Labrador.

10:45 AM Adoption of Official Agenda

Moved by 5769; Seconded by 7786: That the Agenda be adopted. (See Appendix: Agenda Main Convention 2025)

Carried.

10:46 AM Appointment of Committees

The following committees were in place, with assigned members, and chairperson. (Full Committee Membership and Responsibilities attached. See Appendix A, Committee Assignments to 107th Annual Convention.)

Resolutions Committee (Chairman: Brother Pat Woodford)

Greetings Committee (Chairman: Brother Denis Galway)

Credentials Committee (Chairman: Brother Kevin Organ)

Audit Committee (Chairman: Brother Maurice Lewis)

Protocol Committee (Chairman: Brother Brian Terry, GK 2581)

Mileage and Per Diem Committee (Chairman: Brother Dave Power)

10: 50 AM Presentation of Minutes of 106th State Convention (April 28-30, 2024)

Next on the Agenda was the Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 State Convention. The recorder verified that the minutes were posted online at the NL State website prior to the State Convention.

The State Deputy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. (Pause)

Moved by 10599; Seconded by 7405: That the Minutes of the 106th State Convention be adopted.

Carried

10:52 AM Reading of Communications

- Regrets from PSD Baden Clouter, not able to attend the convention.

10:54 AM Presentation of State Officers Reports

These reports were distributed electronically prior to the State Convention to all delegates and the general membership. *(Please see State Officer Reports in Appendix)*

Moved by SS; Seconded by 7405: That the Reports of the State Officers be approved as presented online.

Carried

10:55 AM Resolutions Briefing (Published and Distributed)

The Resolutions document, containing some 29 resolutions had been previously published electronically and a hard copy was distributed at the Convention meeting.

The Resolutions Committee Chair Pat Woodford stated that the committee had reviewed the resolutions, and approved that they were acceptable for presentation.

10:57 AM Discussions and Voting on Resolutions

The State Advocate read through each of the 29 resolutions.

- Resolution No. 1 Pledge Support to Supreme Knight
- Resolution No. 2 Greetings to Newfoundland and Labrador Bishops
- Resolution No. 3 In Honor of Pope Francis
- Resolution No. 4 In Support of our State Chaplains and our Priests, who serve throughout our province
- Resolution No. 5 Salutations to the Supreme Chaplin
- Resolution No. 6 Greetings to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Resolution No. 7 Continued Support for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney
- Resolution No. 8 Prayer for World Peace and an end to worldwide conflict, especially for the on-going conflicts in the Ukraine, the Middle east, the Republic of Haiti and Africa
- Resolution No. 9 Commitment to Family Life
- Resolution No. 10 Catholic Missions in Canada
- Resolution No. 11 RSVP Program
- Resolution No. 12 Development and Peace
- Resolution No. 13 Support for Armed Forces, Veterans, First Responder and Health Care Workers serving and retired

- Resolution No. 14 To Recognize the rededication of the Newfoundland and Labrador National War Memorial Rededication Ceremony.
- Resolution No. 15 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Resolution No. 16 Keep Christ in Christmas Programs
- Resolution No. 17 Catholic Religious Education
- Resolution No. 18 Life
- Resolution No. 19 Devotions to Blessed Virgin Mary
- Resolution No. 20 Pornography
- Resolution No. 21 State Scholarships
- Resolution No. 22 K of C Jubilee Scholarships
- Resolution No. 23 Establishment of the Channing Scholarship
- Resolution No. 24 Member Medical Travel Fund
- Resolution No. 25 Liability Insurance
- Resolution No. 26 Disposition of proceeds of Annual Fall and Spring Lottery
- Resolution No. 27 Participation in State Lotteries
- Resolution No. 28 Opposing Euthanasia
- Resolution No. 29 Amended By Laws of the Knights of Columbus.

All were approved after reading, except for a question on Resolution 26, and Resolution 29.

Following a question on the administrative cost, and the formula used, and making sure Councils were aware of the guidelines, **Resolution #26** was **Approved**.

Following a couple of questions on the actual proposed changes/amendments to the Bylaws, and a request to highlight the changes, **Resolution #29** was **Approved**.

11:40 AM State Advocate Darrell Long went through the proposed changes/amendments to the current Bylaws, answering questions, and highlighting the changes. Moved by P. Woodford (5769); Seconded by M. Lewis (8640): That the amendments to the NL State Council Knights of Columbus Bylaws take effect at Convention 2026. **Carried**.

12:15 PM Morning Session Adjourned

1:35 PM Call to Order

1:37 PM Welcome to Father James Fleming

1:38 PM Vocations Message from Rev. Father James Fleming.

Father Fleming informed those present on the current state of vocations in NL. Father encouraged prayers for Vocations, and asked that we provide encouragement for candidates who are discerning a vocation to the religious life. He thanked the Knights of Columbus for their support. He also thanks the Knights for their commitment to enriching the Catholic Faith, especially through programs like COR. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and encourage those who are called to accept the vocation.

1:44 PM Roll Call and Update (SS)

All State Officers present.

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1:50 PM Report of Committees

Report of **Greetings** Committee by Chairman: There were a number of greetings presented for birthdays, anniversaries, Council milestones, etc. (Recommended that a list be presented or recorded beforehand; too many to capture as communicated orally.) Chairman should provide a written copy for minutes.

Report of **Credentials** Committee by chairman: 46 eligible delegates.

Report of **Audit** Committee by chairman: There was concern about the revenue/income for State Council. Recruitment of new members is a concern. Budgeting has to be done carefully. (Moved by M. Lewis; seconded by 11577 that the audit be accepted. Carried.)

Report of **Mileage and Per Diem** Committee by chair: Recommended to increase mileage from 30 to 35 cents/km. (Moved by 2223; seconded by 6638 that the mileage be increased. Carried.)

2:20 PM Brother Knights Savio Dias, Insurance Agent.

- Our Insurance Agent used a slide-show presentation to give an overview progress with the Insurance program. As well, he gave an overview of our Order with regard to membership, and charitable works of service. Great update on the benefits of the Knights of Columbus Insurance.

2:30 PM GK Dan Dober reported on the Food for Families Program being offered in Marystown, and spoke about the Food Refund Program

2:35 PM There was a short Question/Answer period. Some general questions and general discussion on membership, affiliative list, online membership, etc.

3:40 PM Closing Prayer/Adjournment

The Saturday afternoon Session Adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Closing Prayer was led by the State Chaplain Father Edward Terry.

(Convention Mass at 4:30 PM, and Convention Banquet at 7:30 PM.)

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 AM Holy Hour: **Rosary / Prayer for Vocations**

State Chaplain: Father Ed Terry

8:55 AM Call to Order/ State Deputy/ Opening Prayer by Father Edward Terry

8:56 AM Final Roll Call (State Secretary)

41 Delegates

All State Officers present.

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9:30 AM Nomination and Election of State Officers for 2025 - 2026:

Election was chaired by Immediate Past State Deputy Patrick Gambin, according to Roberts Rules of Order. (There were 41 delegates eligible to vote.)

For the Position of **State Deputy**,

Brother Paul Baldwin Gallagher was nominated by Council 5902

Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.

Brother **Paul Baldwin** declared elected as **State Deputy**.

For the Position of **State Secretary**,

Brother Brendan Vickers was nominated by 6672

Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.

Brother **Brendan Vickers** declared elected as **State Secretary**.

For the Position of **State Treasurer**,

Brother Darrell Long was nominated by 7702

Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.

Brother Darrell Long declared elected as **State Treasurer**.

For the Position of **State Advocate**,

Brother Ray Bonia was nominated by 8640

Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.

Brother Ray Bonia declared elected as **State Advocate**.

For the Position of **State Warden**,

Brother Pat Woodford was nominated by 2581

Nominations Closed. Nomination Accepted.

Brother **Pat Woodford** declared elected as **State Warden**.

9:55 AM. Election of Delegates to Supreme Convention (2025) in Washington, D.C.

Four NL delegates are to attend the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 143rd SUPREME CONVENTION in Washington, D.C., from August 5 to 7, 2025. **Two of these delegates** are pre-approved by Supreme: the **State Deputy** (Paul Baldwin), and the **Immediate Past State Deputy** (Gary Gallagher).

Nominations were held for the other two Associate Delegates:
Brother Knight **Ray Bonia** was nominated by Council #8640.
Brother Knight **Darrell Long** was nominated by Council # 7702
Brother Knight **Michael Connolly** was nominated by Council # 7405
No further nominations. Nominations closed.
Bros. Ray Bonia and Darrell Long were elected.

Four Alternate Delegates: (Nomination and voting procedure explained..)

Brother Michael Connolly was nominated by 5902. (declined)
Brother Brendan Vickers was nominated by Darrell Long.
Brother Pat Woodford was nominated by Gary Gallagher.
Brother Gerard Butt was nominated by Paul Baldwin.
(There were no further nominations.)

No further nominations. Nominations closed. **Brothers Brendan Vickers, Pat Woodford, and Gerard Butt were elected as alternates.**

10:15 AM Brief Closing Remarks from Supreme Representative, Bro. Brandan Brown, Regional Growth Director. RGD Brandan appreciated the opportunity to attend the Convention, and speak. He was pleased with reports that he had read on Programs in the NL jurisdiction. He urged the gathering to continue to promote membership recruitment, and wished those present all the best in their future endeavors as Knights of Columbus.

10:20 AM Report from the Master of the Fourth Degree – SK Robert Miller: Out of the 14 Assemblies in NL, 10 are fairly active, with 7 of these 10 Assemblies receiving the Supreme Civic award last year. He gave a brief summary of the Fourth Degree AGM from Friday.

10:35 AM Report of Protocol Committee

Chairman: Brother Maurice Lewis reported proper protocol during the convention was observed, with good decorum, and not too much chatter.

10:40 AM 107th State Convention

State Deputy elect noted that our next Convention will be around this time next year, but the specifics to be determined shortly, and discussed at the upcoming organizational meetings in July. He thanked everyone for their support.

10:45 AM Good of the Order

Members and family members who were sick or in distress were mentioned by name. And all Brother Knights would be remembered in our prayers.

10:50 AM Closing Remarks by State Deputy Gary Gallagher.

Thanks and Gratitude were expressed to all in attendance.

**10:55 AM 7405; 7702: Motion to close the Business Session.
Carried.**

10:57 AM Closing Prayer by Fr. Terry.