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Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Master 4th Degree, Worthy State Directors, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grant Knights, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights and Ladies

District #4 is comprised of three active councils. They are:

- 1). Conception Council 1930, Bell Island
- 2). Blessed Trinity 6792, Conception Bay South
- 3). St. Kevin's 7786, Goulds

Activities which attend to the needs of the communities, continue in these councils. Ensuring the safety of our Brother Knights is always uppermost in mind.

As is experienced in some communities throughout our province, we have witnessed challenging times for our councils. Having said that, great work is being done.

During the past year, I have visited each of the councils and conducted their installation of officers. I work diligently to keep in contact with the Grand Knights. This provides an opportunity to work together and to resolve any issues or problems that arise. When I visit, I pass along greeting from our Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly and our State Deputy, Gary Gallagher. I make it a point to share the Holy father's Monthly Prayer Intention from the most recent Columbia Magazine.

Conception Council 1930, Bell Island- This council's primary focus in 2024-25 has been service to the church. Our council members were very active readers, Eucharistic Ministers, cross and candle bearers, bereavement team members, leading the rosary in the church and in the funeral home. The Eucharist is delivered to shut-ins and the sick in hospital. It is important to note the council's annual Skate with Santa for our youth. This yearly event is coupled with Hot Chocolate and Chocolate Chip Cookies. They, also, annually pray the Good Friday Stations of the Cross for the parish.

Blessed Trinity Council 6792, Conception Bay South- Like other councils Blessed Trinity has been active with their food drives, Baby Blitz, Kirby House and Fall Fair. They have made monetary donations to the Parish, Gathering Place, Centre for Life, Food Bank and a women's group. They have donated crosses to the Penitentiary. They, also, participate in toiletry drives and coats for the needy.

St. Kevin's Council 7786, Goulds- This council continues to be very active. Their meetings are always well organized and conducted according to protocol. They operate effective programs which include community brunch, giving Baptismal gifts, State lottery, card parties, picking up church collection, the Silver Cross program, presenting gifts to the altar and Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Their members run a very successful BINGO. They actively participate in Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year.

It has been my experience that all councils in District #4 are doing good work. Their work often coincides with each other as they strive to support church and community. The following is a list of items that all three councils have in common.

- · Recruitment incentives are ongoing
- · Conducts elections of officers
- Scholarships, donations to community groups
- Participation in annual lotteries
- Fundraising activities
- Erection of signs for Christmas and Easter
- Laying of wreaths during Remembrance Day
- · Visits to Brother Knights, widows and shut-ins

Congratulations to St. Kevins Council 7786! In 2024-25, St. Kevin's has successfully recruited 5 new members.

Congratulations, as well, to each of the Councils in District #4 for all of their tireless, excellent work.

Fraternally,
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