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## **108<sup>th</sup> Newfoundland and Labrador Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FRATERNAL YEAR 2025/2026**

#### **State Program Director**

Date: 2 May 2026

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.

Brother Knights

There were great reports this year of programs for Knights of Columbus councils across the Province. It never ceases to amaze me the good works we do when we are united together. The State Council has received reports in our four program areas Faith, Family, Community and Life. Bravos to all the councils that reported their activities this year to the State Council. I do know that the councils that did not submit reports were also conducting activities.

There are many reasons why councils do not report their activities. The most prevalent is we are not looking for recognition. It is important for council and the council members to be recognized for their efforts in conducting programs. Another reason is it seems to be a great effort to submit your council's yearly activities. Each of your program directors should report the past months activities at your council meetings. Each director needs to submit a written report <https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/State+Council+Program+Awards+Entry+Form/a6a2e85e998911f095cddef6cbe94e30> monthly. All the Grand Knight has to do is to compile these monthly reports and add a cover page to submit them for the State Convention .

There are many Supreme Programs that a council can participate in. These are great programs that can make your council succeed. Some councils adapt these programs to their local needs or develop their own to satisfy their local needs.

Why do men join the Knights of Columbus? What does your council offer to candidates? What do the Candidates desire? These are the questions that your council's executive need to ask in order to drive membership. The answer to these questions is PROGRAMS. Programs drive membership. Your council has to run programs to entice new men and their families to join. These men then will participate in your councils programs and make your council flourish.

Vivat Jesus  
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#### **State Membership Chairman**

Date: 2 May 2026

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Brother Knights

Even though we are ten months into the Columbian year your council needs to be focused on recruitment of new members for your council. I know a lot of people say it all about numbers, it is much more than that. Every council needs to recruit in the next two months. Why? Membership is the succession plan for your council. Every council needs new blood and ideas to replace your council's members. As our members get older they need to pass on their experience and knowledge to new members to ensure the success of your council in years to come.

Many of our province's councils have not recruited any members this year and some haven't recruited in years. This is one of the main reasons why some councils are having difficulty in activities and programs. It may seem to be a daunting task to get new members but it can be done. The member you recruit may be a future Grand Knight!

It is our duty to invite Catholic men to our order, emphasizing the "Four Pillars" of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. E membership is a great tool to get a new candidate into the order immediately. For more information on recruitment strategies go to <https://www.kofc.org/resources/officer-resources/engagement/membership-growth/>.

Your council's membership director serves as the head of the Admission Committee and works to grow the council's membership through new and transfer members. He should actively identify potential recruits, plan recruitment programs, host informational meetings and encourage council members to seek candidates. In addition, the membership director should ensure that a council has access to frequent degree exemplifications (whether its own or local councils) and should work that each member reaches at least the third degree in a timely manner.

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#### State Advocate

Date: 2 May 2026

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.

My Brother Knights

Welcome to the 2025-26 Newfoundland and Labrador State Convention. As State Advocate I recommend you review this year's resolutions for you to vote on. The resolutions are one of the most important parts of the State Convention.

Secondly as the leaders of your councils please ensure that your council is compliant in Safe Environment. This is very important to identify any possible violations of the security of the vulnerable participants of your programs. For more information on how to enlist in Safe Environment Program click on this link <https://www.kofc.org/resources/safe-environment-program/training> . Just click on the Background screening link and select Canada <https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Canada+Background+Check+Form+US+EN/080f745ebe4c11f0a448a62f9cd6630c> to start.

Your council Advocate acts as council parliamentarian. He should be knowledgeable in *Robert's Rules of Order and Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials (#11620)*. He may seek legal assistance from the state advocate, should issues arise. The advocate should be able to take on additional responsibilities as the council deems necessary.

Your council's Advocate is a very important position. He ensures that all protocol and rules are followed so your council is legally compliant.

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#### **State Warden**

Date: 2 May 2026

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 a privilege to present to you today the State Warden's Report for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year. As State Warden, I have accepted the responsibility of the safekeeping of all State Council property, including the state charter, the state banner, and ceremonial paraphernalia.

All items are currently stored in a secure, designated locations.

Working in conjunction with the host committee and the State Officers, my office has focused on preparing for our Annual State Convention.

We have coordinated the layout of the main plenary hall, ensuring appropriate seating for state officers, dignitaries, and delegates in accordance with K of C protocols.

In coordination with the State Chaplain and local clergy, we have arranged the sanctuary for the convention Mass and ensured a team of brothers is ready to assist as ushers/honor guard.

A primary duty of this office is to maintain decorum and enforce protocol, assisted by the Inside and Outside Guards.

I have instructed the guards to verify that all voting delegates and guests entering the business sessions are in possession of a current membership card.

I have provided guidance to District Deputies and Local Wardens regarding the proper setup of council chambers to align with the new "Charity, Unity, and Fraternity" exemplification procedures as required.

Over the past year, I have assisted the State Deputy, in various capacities:

Assisted in the setup of state-wide workshops, including the Mid-Year Meeting.

Provided support to the State Membership Director as requested.

Attended District meetings to advise on proper council officer roles.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Inside/Outside Guards for their vigilance, and to the host committee for their hard work in preparing for this gathering. It has been an honor to serve this jurisdiction and to protect the property and traditions of our Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivat Jesus

Patrick Woodford

State Warden

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#### **Life Director**

Date: 2 May 2026

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, Paul Baldwin, for giving my wife, Ellen, and I the opportunity as the State Life Couple. It is indeed an honor.

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 must be heard.

This year ten councils submitted Life Reports. Thank you to the contributing councils and I strongly urge 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: Support for the Centre for Life, Baby of the Month, Novenas, Walk for Life, Transportation for Seniors, 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 108<sup>th</sup> convention.

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



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#### **State Faith Director**

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I received a phone from our newly Appointed State Duty Paul Baldwin at the beginning of July 2025. My immediate response was no but after some discussion with Paul I agreed to take the position as Faith Director NL. After my phone conversation with Paul, I continued with daily walk. As I started walking, I was thinking about what I was going to do as a Faith Director. Then everything came into focus. How was i going to encourage people to revisit their faith and the importance of their faith to everyone. From there the Fire of the Holy Spirit Was LIT!! I quickly realized that the opportunity I was looking for was now clearly in focus. During the first few mounts i attended mass weekly at each of the three churches to listen to what was being said and listening to the concerns of parishioners. I soon come to the realisation that fund raising was a big part of the problem with this parish as well as attendance.

With the approval of the State Duty Paul Baldwin, I started my new faith journey. I decided to purchase 150 Faith Base Callender's which in turn meant fifty for each church. The sale of calendars provided two hundred fifty dollars to each church to help with expenses. Through the sale of the Callender's there was four new online members sighed up to order of the Knights of Columbus.

In January of 2026 the State Lottery Tickets were available for purchase at twenty dollars each with a five-dollar rebate on each ticket. With this knowledge in hand i discovered places where we could sell tickets and, we could also help our communities in fundraising efforts. I place a total of seven hundred tickets which included three R.C Churches and one Fire Department. Total value of tickets seven hundred was 14000,00dollers. Thinking outside the box can be a great resource for our communities and our order. Ideas for Holy Week/2026. I have always felt the need spread the word of God and the love that has been shared and dwells within every one of us. Mother Mary has always led us to her son Jesus through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit. Without further delay I ordered 3500 rosaries with pamphlets which were distributed under the direction State Council SD Paul Baldwin. Also provided to each council was a faith base calendar which could provide extra funding for each council. Recruitment Efforts. In January of 2026 i attended ST Patrick's Church to

distribute rosaries to the parishioners. After the state duty and I were at the back of church having a conversation about inviting new members to the order with that thought Paul mentioned several catholic men at the back of the church. I was eager to speak with them which i did and all six the men became new Canadettes. I am currently working on a council in Clarenville at the Lady of Fatima Church with Father Joseph. I am expecting to have a good response for the congregation. May of 2026 THE Sacred Heart Icon will be presented to three churches in Saint Alphonsus Parish as well as Lady of Fatima Church in Clarenville. I look forward to sourcing out what 2026/2027 has to offer!!

Vivat Jesus

Philip Fahey  
Brother Knight & Faith Director