



# *Knighly News*

News for Knights of Columbus members and their Families

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## *A Message from our State Deputy*



My Brother Knights, 2016 is drawing to a close and also the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 2016-2017 Columbian Year. We are now in our 3rd week of advent and everyone is busy preparing for Christmas and family gatherings. During this month many of our Councils and members will be visible in our communities doing volunteer work and donating to worthy causes such as Christmas Hampers, Food Banks, displaying Keep Christ in Christmas messages and assisting our Parish Priests with preparation of the church for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

As we interact with family and friends let's keep membership in the forefront. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is one of the best gifts a catholic man can receive and one that can change the life of his family forever.

Building the Domestic Church should be the focus for every council and Knight of Columbus. In that regard I ask all Grand Knights and members to work with your Parish Priest to see where we can assist him in delivering the faith based programs of the Parish and identifying areas where existing programs recommended by Supreme or new programs can be developed and implemented. These new programs are designed to attract young families and families of all ages to come together and experience the value of increasing their awareness of the Catholic Faith and how it can help them in dealing with today's issues and stresses. Also having a better understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church will provide you with clearer understanding of life and the sanctity of life

from conception to natural death.

Our State Council's Mid-Year meetings were held in Gander from December 3-4<sup>th</sup> and there was a great representation from all areas of our Province. I extend thanks to all who participated and especially to State Membership and Program teams for their reports and presentations.

Mary and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus  
Emile Cabot  
State Deputy

- One member/per council/per month**
- One Star council/per District/PER YEAR**
- One First degree /per DISTRICT/ per month**
- One council/per Diocese/per Year**

## *A Message from our State Chaplain*



Dear Brother Knights,  
The other day somebody asked me what was the difference between the season of Advent and the season of Lent. Without really thinking too much about it, I said that Lent is a season of "reparation" and Advent is a season of "preparation". In retrospect, I think my answer was pretty good.

Advent is a blessed opportunity for us, as Catholic gentlemen, to prepare:

- To prepare to celebrate the anniversary of the First Coming of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, His coming as an infant born to a poor couple on that first Christmas day so many years ago;

- To prepare and be ready for the Second Coming of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when He will come in glory at the end of time;
- To prepare to recognize and be His presence in our world during this “Third Coming” time, this time in between His First Coming in service and His Second Coming in glory.

St. Bernard, in one of his Advent sermons, explains this Third Coming:

***“We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. ... The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. ... Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last.”***

If we are to worthily celebrate the anniversary of his First Coming and if we are to be ready for the judgement that will take place at the time of His Second Coming, we must constantly strive to journey with and like Christ on “the road” of this time of the invisible Third Coming.

The Advent season provides us with an annual opportunity to remember and commit ourselves anew to seeking to see and serve Christ present in the people around us: our family, our friends, our neighbours and coworkers, the people whom we like, the people whom we dislike, and the people whom we don’t even know. When we seek to see and serve Jesus present in the people around us, we ourselves are sacraments, sacred signs, of His presence here in the world today.

Praying that for each of us this Advent season may be a time of preparation that sees us become more aware of “Christ in our midst”, I remain,

Yours in Christ,  
+Peter Hundt  
State Chaplain

***Keep Christ in Christmas***

## ***A Message from our State Secretary***



Brother Knights; Christmas is upon us as we approach the half way point in our Columbian Year. Brothers we just finished our Mid-Year meetings on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, very successful meetings and all Brother Knights had a great weekend and took part in some great discussions on our successes to date and plans for the remainder of the year. Early in the New Year we will start our planning for the 2016 State Convention and this year I am expecting program reports from all of our active councils. Please remember, Worthy Grand Knights that the greatest form of thanks you can give your members for their hard work is to submit a report for our Convention that contains all of the great activities that were carried out in the last year.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half State assessments will be issued in January and any Council who haven’t paid your 1<sup>st</sup> half assessment should get it paid immediately so that your Council continues to be in good standing with your State Council and your members can continue to be eligible for State Council benefits especially the member medical and children’s hostel funding.

The State Directory has been emailed to all Councils and Program Personnel; we are continuously updating the directory when we are informed of any changes or updates. For the printed version there is a cut-off date and any changes received after that will have to wait until the next printing. We will update the electronic version of the directory as needed.

This is a busy time of year for everyone and I encourage everyone to take some time out to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and to especially remember to “**Keep Christ in Christmas**”. Take time to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, especially our families.

Bev and I extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Fraternally,  
Brian Hurley  
State Secretary

### *A Message from our State Treasurer*



Brother Knights,  
Another fraternal year is quickly drawing to a close...we are into the last month of 2016, it's almost the end of the second quarter of the Columbian Year, the Advent season has started...AND...Christmas is a mere 10 days away,

This is normally a hectic time for most families as they make the final preparations for the Christmas Season, hustling about, trying to find that perfect last minute gift, decorating the house, inside and out, baking cakes and cookies, etc.

But let's not forget. Christmas is a time for family first. The family should always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them.

As we draw ever closer to that special event which defines Christmas for Catholics, the birth of our Saviour, there are some questions we can, and should, reflect on, to help strengthen our immediate families, and in turn strengthen the worldwide Catholic family. The Knights of Columbus world is now focussing on the program 'Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive.' What better way to help do that, but to strengthen our families.

The questions we could ask ourselves, and reflect on, might include 'What are some of the joys we experienced in our own families, growing up, and also in our current families? Are there ways to build upon these joys to create a more joyful home?

Could we be more cheerful in giving, and complain less? Could we focus less on our own needs and more on the happiness of a family member? Could we rejoice in our family's love by affirming each other more with compliments? Could we smile more at our family members?

The true joy of Christmas is not about the receiving, but rather the giving of oneself. By doing this, people will see the true meaning of Christmas.

Brothers, I wish you all a blessed Christmas. My hope is that this will also be a time of peace and joy for you and your families. And as well, I wish you each, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Gordon Lannon  
State Treasurer

### *A Message from our State Advocate/Membership Director*



Brother Knights, we have just a few weeks remaining before the end of our calendar year and in just two weeks we will be celebrating the Christmas season. As I mentioned at our Winter meetings in Gander last week, Christmas is a great opportunity to talk to prospective members and former members that we haven't seen for a while since more people tend to be out and about during this time of the year. I am encouraging all present members to take the time to ask a FORMER member or a NEW PROSPECT to join the Knights of Columbus. By making this gesture you are offering a gift not only to one person, but to a whole family.

Since last Sunday, our jurisdiction has added five (5) new members to our Order that I am aware of and a few more that have not yet recorded at Supreme as of this date. This is positive news to see that some council are continuing to recruit leading up to Christmas. It goes hand-in-hand with the idea of a

**“KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS”** campaign that was started last year as a means to encourage councils to keep their focus on MEMBERSHIP GROWTH even during the Christmas bustle. In order to achieve this goal of a “Knight” before Christmas, you still have time to hold a First Degree ceremony before Christmas. If it’s not possible to get your degree team together in time, I would ask your council to use the DVD to do the degree ceremony. Let’s all make a special effort to increase our council’s membership by at least one (1) “KNIGHT” before Christmas. This would put our total intake since July to more than sixty (60) new members for our jurisdiction. This would be a great Christmas gift for all members of the Knights of Columbus as a whole.

I wish to say a huge thank you to all who participated in the winter meetings in Gander on December 2-3 in spite of the inclement weather. The effort made by the participants shows your commitment to the Order and it is greatly appreciated by the State Executive.

In conclusion, on behalf of my family I want to wish all members of the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P.S. There are many “nights” between now and Christmas so you don’t have to wait for the last “night” before Christmas to get a “Knight” before Christmas!!!

Fraternally,  
Pat Gambin  
State Advocate/State Membership Director

**AND THERE WERE IN THE SAME COUNTRY  
SHEPPARDS ABIDING IN THE FIELD, KEEPING  
WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT**

**AND LO THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME  
UPON THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD  
SHONE ROUND THEM: AND THEY WERE SO  
AFRAID**

## ***A Message from our Past State Deputy***



Brothers, the Newfoundland Labrador jurisdiction has an extensive former members list. These men at one point in their lives were members of the Knights of Columbus. They include inactive insurance members and prior associate members who have been suspended or have been granted withdrawals. Though they have left the order their circumstances may have changed. They will have to be invited to rejoin however, they will not come to us. Some of our councils have been using the list and have been successful in welcoming back former members.

I encourage all Grand Knights and Membership Directors to form a “Welcome Back Brother Committee” consisting of Past Grand Knights, trustees and long-time council members. Have this committee identify former members from the former members list and invite them to an open house or even a one on one approach.

**Financial Secretaries now have access to the former members list for their council.**

As we draw close to Christmas I wish you and your families a Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Bernie Flynn PSD  
Former Members Chairman

## ***District Deputy #2***

Greetings: to all Brothers in District #2 and those throughout the province. All councils in my district and up and running and have completed a number of significant programs that have been geared towards making our councils more visible in the community. Examples: Holy Spirit and Fr. Francis Jackman jointly combining talents and providing hundreds of lunches during the recent NL Summer

Games in CBS. Fr. Francis Jackman council recently collaborated with Ronald McDonald House on a major fund raising "walk" initiative. St. Teresa's Council 7702 just donated two Piano/Organ units to The Gathering Place. All these activities are very visible signs of our involvement in our communities. We continue to roll out the Holy Family ICON for devotions and a number of councils in this district have displayed the ICON. All councils are now engaged in "Lighting Up For Christmas" and collecting food and coats for kids. This district has added a total of ten new members in the last couple of months.

My wife Sheila and I wish all my Brother Knights and their Families best wishes for a Merry Christmas and blessing filled New Year in 2017.

Regards  
Gary Gallagher  
District Deputy #2

### ***District Deputy #3***

Brother Knights, I was appointed DD#3 in September this year after Brother Derm Whelan took the position of Master of the fourth degree. First of all I would like congratulate Brother Whelan on his new position and wish him all the best. I am honoured to be appointed to this position by WSD Emile Cabot and blessed to be involved in the programs the Knights are conducting in District #3.

The councils in District #3 have been very active this fall. The four active councils in District # 3 are St. Paul's Council 11776, Mary Queen of Peace 7405, Holy Trinity 9807 and J.B. Kent 6638. Each council has their new executive elected and their directors appointed. Executive and regular business meetings have taken place every month to discuss their councils and parish issues. All of the councils have had their executive installed and three of the councils have new Grand Knights. The moral of the councils have

been very good with members participating in various council activities.

Programs have been conducted to support the council's parish and the local community. Every council has conducted programs in all six areas. The councils participated in Remembrance Day Activities, Coats for Kids, food banks, Parish support, Center for life fundraisers, Keep Christ in Christmas and are planning to participate in the children's Christmas celebrations and family socials during the Advent season. The good works of all the councils show Unity, Fraternity, Charity and Patriotism. I commend all the councils for their programs.

Father Jeff Kolonel has expressed an interest in reactivating JJ Murray council 10826 in the Goulds. I have met with Fr. Jeff concerning this and he is very interested in having the Knights as a support group for St. Kevin's Parish. Since then I have contacted some of the former members of that council that are now in the defunct St. Bernards council and an interest is evident. Fr. Jeff recommended a church drive around the beginning of February to get an additional boost to the reactivation of JJ Murray Council.

Of all of the impressive programs this fall, a noteworthy one is the partnership between the 7th Step Society of Canada, St. Paul's Council and Tim Hortons to provide coffee and Tim Bits to the men of Her Majesty's Penitentiary. The program is designed to help the incorrigible and recidivist offenders change their behaviour and attitudes using a basic self-help philosophy. Its fundamental principles are realistic thinking and positive peer pressure.

I recommend to all councils to form partnerships with their parish and local community groups to achieve a greater good. *Partnerships work!*

*Matthew 25:35-46*

*For I was Hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you*

welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ' Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

And the Lord's response: Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Fraternally  
Ray Bonia  
DD # 3

**Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the co-operation of many minds**

Alexander Graham Bell

### **District Deputy #4**

Brother Knights, "*TEMPUS FUGIT*"

YES, time does fly by very quickly, and before you know it, another year is gone. It's almost two years now since I was appointed as District Deputy for district # 4, and for that I am very grateful to our State Deputy Brother Emile Cabot for this position.

The three councils I represent in district #4 have been very active, and have done a wonderful job even though sometimes it is not easy.

The councils are trying their best to recruit members but this can be difficult at times.

At this time I want to congratulate the third Degree teams of Terra Nova Council 1452 for all the work they have put into it over the past six years. I have been involved in all of the Degree programs, since it started under the guidance of Brother Pat Hayward "Hats off to Brother Pat for putting up with us." Thank you Pat.

As we are in the early parts of the Holy Season of Advent, it's good to remind everyone to **Keep Christ in Christmas.**

TO all Brother Knights, their wives and Families, I extend Fraternal Greetings, and wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and prosperous New Year, full of Peace and good health.

Before I close I want to leave you all with a special prayer you can use at Christmas time.

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"GOD OF ALL GIFTS, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MANY WAYS YOU HAVE BLESSED US THIS DAY,

WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR EACH PERSON GATHERED AROUND THIS TABLE. WE ASK YOU TO BLESS US, AND OUR FOOD.

WE REMEMBER HOW JESUS WAS BORN IN POVERTY, AND WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.

BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE NO ROOF TO SHELTER THEM. OPEN THE HEARTS OF LOVING AND GENEROUS PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER AND OUR WORLD MORE JUST.

BRING PEACE TO OUR HEARTS, TO OUR FAMILY, AND TO OUR WORLD.

HELP US TO BRING YOUR LOVE AND THE JOY OF THIS DAY, AND EVERY DAY TO ALL WHO NEED IT.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. "AMEN"

Fraternally  
Sir Knight John Atkins PFN/DD  
District Deputy #4.



***District Deputy #5***

Brother Knights: on behalf of the Councils in district 5 consisting of Councils 13320 St. Mary's, 6494 St. Annes and Council 6672 Dean Patrick Cleary I would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Holy Christmas along with a joyous and prosperous new year.

Fraternally  
Howard Power  
District Deputy #5

***District Deputy #7***

Fr. Michael Hayes Council #7127, Harbour Breton after a rocky start to the fraternal year and a change of leadership is doing well under the leadership of worthy Grand Knight of Bro Craig Cox. I did an installation of officers on Sept 25, 2016 and I would like to thank Bro Colin Pittman who assisted with the insulation as district Warden. This was well attended and was followed by a lunch as well as a meeting with the Council executive and members in general. This Council is very supportive of their Church, Community and Youth. This Council supports their parish and priest both financially and by volunteering their time. It is a pleasure to listen to their male choir comprised of Knights Columbus members. This Council promotes Keep Christ in Christmas. They support the youth in many ways through their various programs such as the substance abuse contest. However this Council is having difficulty in getting a majority of members to help with these programs. This council is concentrating on retaining its current members and were unsuccessful in recruiting new members to date.

St. Ignatius Council #13763, St. Alban's is very active in all six programs under the leadership of worthy Grand Knight Kevin Organ. I completed an installation of officers on Sept. 18, 2016 with the help of District warden Bro Colin Pittman. This Council is

very supportive of their Church and parish priest with their participation in Chase the Ace which raised about \$300,000 for the parish. This event takes over 40 volunteers to operate so most Knights from the Council participate to make this event successful. This Council was well represented for laying wreaths on July 1 and Nov 11 in memory of fallen soldiers. This Council participates in Keep Christ in Christmas in the Christmas parade, Christmas tree lighting in the Church, the Council provided two huge Christmas trees for the Church one inside and one outside which are the activities they are working on at this present time. The youth of the community are very well supported by the Council by programs such as basketball Free Throw, Keep Christ in Christmas and Substance Abuse Poster Contest, as well as providing activities and events where the youth can raise money for their special activities. This council helps the Community by supporting the Cancer benefit concert which rose over \$100,000. To date this Council has not attracted any new members despite a Church drive in October.

I would like to thank worthy State Deputy Brother Emile Cabot and the members of the State Executive for their support during my first year as District Deputy.

Fraternally,  
Pat Pittman  
District Deputy

***AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD SAID UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT: FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE***

***FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY, IN THE CITY OF DAVID, A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD***



### *State Family Director*

Brother Knights, during this advent season I send season's greetings to you and your family. As family director I encourage each council to participate in family activities as much as possible. As Knights we depend on our wives and children to provide support in our Knightly Duties. This support can be strengthened when we include our families in our council activities. Schedule time with your family every day and invite them to participate in volunteer activities that your council is involved in. A list of suggestions is available in Surge with Service. Some of the suggestions are visit relatives, have family reunions and plan family outings. Encourage your council to custom make family programs or partnership with your parish. Encourage the participation in the scholarship program by High School students going to secondary education. Support the families of the deceased members with council activities. Conduct rosaries and masses for the deceased members of your council. Use recreational activities as a way to spend time with your family. Encourage prolife initiatives to strengthen families.

Honour your members by awarding the Family of the Month to a member of your council every month. Submit your Family of the Month award winners to Supreme Council to further acknowledge the importance the importance of families in the Knights of Columbus. Encourage councils and parish

socials. Schedule Christmas and New Year's functions in particular children's parties. Remember the K of C is a family organization.

Ray Bonia  
NL Family Director

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Brother Arthur Swyers of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville for being selected as one of the one hundred randomly selected Families of the Month for the month of September 2016.



### *State Youth Director*

Brothers Knights: We are half way into our Columbian year. At this time Grand Knights and District Deputies should be planning their Free Throw events. The four regional coordinators are in place Donald Mackey in Districts one, two and three, Howard Power in Districts four and five, John Thoms in Districts six, seven and eight, Patrick Gambin in Districts nine and eleven. The State Competition will be hosted by Notre Dame Council 2053. Thank you to Grand Knight Richard Anstey for hosting this event. The date will be announced when it becomes available.

Don't forget the Keep Christ in Christmas and the Substance Abuse Poster contests. Excellent work has been done in the past year. I ask all councils to support youth and youth groups in your community whenever possible.

At this holy time of the year we celebrate the Birth of Christ. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a Holy and Happy Christmas.

John Thoms,  
State Youth Director

***AND THIS SHALL BE A SIGN UNTO YOU: YE SHALL FIND THE BABE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES LYING IN A MANGER***

***AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS THE ANGEL A MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, PRAISING GOD AND SAYING***

***GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE, AND GOODWILL TOWARD MEN***

### ***Tour to Spain***

In September 2016, 5 Brother/Sir Knights from our jurisdiction went on a group tour to Spain and Portugal. These 5 Brother/Sir Knights were there and had a picture taken in the Santa Maria Cathedral in Seville Spain. It is the oldest Gothic Cathedral in the world. It is also where Christopher Columbus is buried. The following picture was taken in front of the tomb of Christopher Columbus.



From left to right: Brother Lloyd Kelly, Brother Bill Maher, Brother Jim Murray, Brother Don Byrne and Brother Dan Dober.

### ***Round Table Message***

My Brother Knights/ Grand Knights: I wish to draw your attention to the new realities that currently exist within our Dioceses and the Parishes. As Knights we have been mandated by our Founder to be leaders in the support of our Parish Priests. More so today than

years past our Church is experiencing many challenges that we as Catholics and Knights must be engaged or re-engaged with in order to help ensure our Parishes can survive. The shortage of priests, the dwindling numbers of parishioners, the maintenance cost of Church properties, the lack of young people participating in the Liturgy, the shrinking of community populations in rural Newfoundland and Labrador, the need for renewal, more inclusion of others in our Church, increasing the role of lay people providing ministries, more effective communication for both priests and parishioners all are part of the many issues that need to be addressed.

Over the years the Knights have been highly supportive of their local Parishes. Through the use of Round Tables many Priests received great assistance from the Councils operating within the Parishes. This process was designed by the Knights in discussion with the Pastors to identify specific needs that the Parish community required. We hope that this traditional backing will continue with a larger emphasis on what we as Knights can do in the new reality which is facing our local Churches. To this end I am asking each Council in this jurisdiction who has an active Round Table to revisit its makeup to see if you are meeting the needs of the Pastor for the Parish. I encourage you to have a full sit down session with the Parish Priest to hear what he has in mind for his Parish. Then I ask each Council to implement to their best ability a strategic plan to carry out the determined goals as outlined.

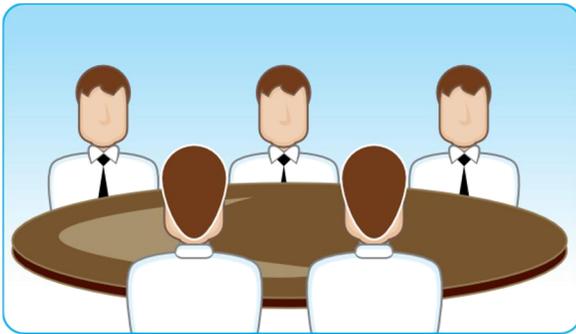
Let us accept the fact that each Pastor has a plan to meet the needs of his Parish. The Knights goal is to help him accomplish these ends through the use of material and advisory means. We do not need to compete by having our own ideas as to what the priorities for the Parish should be but rather in partnership with our Pastors we can achieve a higher degree of success for the Parish. Our number one concern is for the Parish to be able to overcome the

many current challenges it faces and is making plans into the future to cope. Please remember that our Church is about people not about buildings and we as members of the Knights of Columbus can play a role through the assistance we provide to our Priests for the continued provision of available Liturgy and outreach programs to the Parish community.

For those Councils that do not have a Round Table structure it is fairly easy to form one by your Council in order to be of assistance to the Parish or Parishes that are in your operating zone. Remember that an operating RT that is seen to do good for the Parish is a great recruiter of new members from the present and future Parishioners.

If you would like any information on the formation of a RT, please contact me. If you are attending the December meeting in Gander, take a few minutes to look me up for a chat.

Fraternally,  
Pat Hayward  
New council development/Parish Round Table



*State Council Director*

As the Christmas season approaches we should have already erected our Keep Christ in Christmas signs and our Advent wreaths. Also we should be getting our Christmas tree up and decorated and preparing the Christmas Crib for the church. If possible it would be nice for councils to host Christmas and New Year socials for members and their spouses and a Christmas party for the children if you have facilities

to use. After New Year is a good time to begin to recruit new members and work on increasing membership by having a First degree Exemplification every month until the end of June. What a wonderful gift it would be to give new members the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus a Catholic organization with all the benefits it provides.

Also make sure our insurance quota is up to date in order to work on a Star Council Award. Don't forget to encourage Grade 12 students graduating in June to apply for the Supreme scholarship due May 1, 2017 and State scholarship due Oct 31, 2017. Applications for these scholarships can be found on the Knights of Columbus website. Also it is nice to celebrate occasions such as St. Patrick's Day, March 17, Founder's Day March 29 and anniversaries of the forming of their councils. We should make sure that our forms such as the annual survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 due Jan 31, 2017 and annual Council Audit # 1295 Feb 15, 2017 are in on time.

On behalf of my wife Maureen I would like to wish all Brother Knights and their families a Blessed and Holy Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year.

James R Murray PGK  
State Council Director

***Knights of Columbus Insurance:  
A Great Recruitment Tool***

At the recent Supreme Council mid-year meetings Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that **“membership growth is our primary responsibility”**. He went on to say that everything we do depends upon membership.

The Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney 134 years ago had a vision that membership in our great Order should be offered to every eligible Catholic man and his family. Supreme Knight Anderson says **“we all have a moral obligation to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus”**.

Often we hear that there are no prospective members out there. The fact is we have a large Catholic population of males in this jurisdiction that are not members. **How do we get these Catholic men to join our Order?**

We have to invite them and give them a good reason to join. When asked to join any organization, the Knights of Columbus included, people often ask **“what’s in it for me and my family?”**

By joining the Knights of Columbus there are many fraternal benefits – scholarships, hostel fund, member/spouse medical travel fund, but probably **the greatest benefit for families is our insurance/investment program.**

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest insurance companies in North America. **On November 15, 2015 it exceeded \$100 billion of insurance in force.** There is no more highly rated company in North America than the Knights of Columbus. It has received top ratings from rating agencies for 41 consecutive years. For the past 3 years it has been named a **“World’s Most Ethical Company”** one of only two life insurers given this distinction. The Knights of Columbus has had 15 consecutive years of sales growth.

The Knights of Columbus has great insurance/investment products. All present members and their families should be familiar with these products. When you invite a prospective member to join our Order you can point to the insurance/investment products as their reason to join.

**Why wouldn’t a young family man paying mortgage insurance through a financial institution want to join the Knights of Columbus if it could put money in his pocket while at the same time protecting his family for life.**

**Remember when life insurance is really needed, it can not be purchased at any price.**

**Call your agent and set an appointment. It could be the most important appointment you ever make.**

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### *Scholarships*

**Thirty-five** students applied for Scholarships awarded by State Council. There were 11 applications for the State Council Scholarships and 24 applications for the Jubilee Scholarships. A total of **forty-four** applications were received. Winners are determined using the Department of Education **Honours Requirements** guidelines.

**State Deputy Emile Cabot is pleased to announce the winners of the 5 State Scholarships at a value of \$1000 each and the 4 Jubilee Scholarships at a value of \$500 each for 2016.**

#### State Scholarship Winners

**Stephen Cox** is the son of Malcolm and Sadie Cox of St. Ignatius Council #13763, St. Albans. Stephen is attending Memorial University.

**Monica Griffin** is the daughter of Paul and Jennifer Griffin of Msgr. McCarthy Council #5902, Carbonear. Monica is attending Memorial University.

**Brittany Maloney** is the daughter of Brian and Gail Maloney of Msgr. Williams Council #8640, King’s Cove. Brittany is attending the College of the North Atlantic.

**Moya Spencer** is the daughter of Alvin and Doreen Spencer of Ville Marie Council #10599, Marystown. Moya is attending Memorial University.

**Vaughn Menchions** is the son of Angela Menchions of Archbishop Neil McNeil Council #8555, Pasadena. Vaughn is attending the University of New Brunswick.

### Jubilee Scholarship Winners

**Mark Butler** is a graduate of Discovery Collegiate, Bonavista and is attending Memorial University.

**Vanessa Duggan** is a graduate of Discovery Collegiate, Bonavista and is attending Memorial University.

**Kaitlin Mugford** is a graduate of St. Mark's All-Grade, King's Cove and is attending Memorial University.

**Anika Walsh** is a graduate of Exploits Valley High, Grand Falls-Windsor and is attending Memorial University.

**Monica Griffin** was also the winner of a Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship valued at \$1500 per year for four years.

Maurice Lewis  
State Council Scholarship Director

### *Insurance Agent of the Month*

The Seguin Agency, serving over 10,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland/Labrador, announces that field agent **Maurice Lewis** is our agent of the **Month for September 2016**. Please share this news with your membership and join me in congratulating Maurice on this accomplishment.

Maurice is a dedicated and true professional by enhancing and protecting his member's financial security. He prides himself by helping his brother Knights meet their most important financial goals.

### *State Lottery*

#### 2016 Annual Christmas Sweep

Brother Knights, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the mid-year meetings in Gander, the third Annual Christmas Sweep was held.

A total of 76,175 tickets were sold. A breakdown of each region is as follows Zone "A" Eastern – 25186, Zone "B" Central – 19192 and Zone "C" Western/Labrador – 31797.

The winners were Zone "A" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pierre Critch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bill Costello, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Al Mockler.

Zone "B" - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Gerald Clouter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Anne Connors, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Paul Toms

Zone "C" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kerry Tulk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Calvin Madore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – R. Gover

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus State Lottery Committee, Dave Delaney, Corner Brook, John Thoms, Bishops Falls, Eugene Hurley, Carbonear and myself, Jerry Barker, King's Cove, we want to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Knights of Columbus members and their families.

Fraternally  
Jerry Barker  
State Lottery Chairman

### *Special Olympics*

Brothers: As you are aware the Knights of Columbus are a major sponsor of Special Olympics both in terms of financial contributions and person hours. Additionally, a large number of councils in Newfoundland and Labrador support their local Special Olympics club by sponsoring events such as the 2016 Special Olympics Summer Games, basketball free throw challenges, soccer challenges, Christmas dinners and various other activities. However, a large portion of these worthwhile activities go unreported. Therefore, I am asking that all councils who have

sponsored or plan to sponsor a Special Olympics activity to let me know the nature of the activity, the dollar value and the person hours associated with it

Fraternally  
Dave Delaney  
Special Olympics Chairman

### ***Financial Secretary Training Coordinator***

Brothers, I just got back from the mid-year meetings in Gander. As usual, one of the topics we discussed was recruitment of members and an important method of growing our membership is the re-activation of former members. It came to light that many councils were not aware that they have their former members list readily at hand through the Membership Management and Billing System. The system is available through the Supreme website and can be accessed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary of each council.

There are two reports that would be most useful to your membership and retention committees. The first is a 2 page report on each former member and the second report is an extract that gives you a one line summary for each former member.

Here is how you get the 2 page report on each former member:

1. Access the Supreme website
2. Select officers login
3. Enter your login id and password
4. On the page presented. select the Member Management button
5. Select the "Live" button
6. Select the "Print Center-MM" tab near the top of the page
7. Select "Member Information Report" at the bottom of the list
8. Select the Former Members button near the middle of the screen

9. Press the "Run Report" button on the bottom right
10. Processing of the report will take a minute or two, so don't be to anxious
11. Press the "Click here to open" button
12. It takes a moment or two to open your 2 page report on the individual former member

Now that you have the report available and you have the option to open, save and print it.

To get the summary one line report for each member, do the following:

Steps 1 through 6 are the same as above.

7. Select "Data Extract Tool" from the list on the left hand side of the screen
8. Select "Frat & Pers'l Info" (second line below "Data Extract Tool")
9. Select the "Former Members" button
10. From the General Contacts section tick "Residence Phone" box
11. From the Primary Address Information section tick the Address Line 1 and the City boxes
12. From the Fraternal & Personal Information tick the "Date of Death" box (last box in colum1)
13. Press the "Get Extract" button on the bottom right
14. It takes a minute or more for your report to run
15. In the box presented, press the "Click here to open" button
16. It takes a moment or 2 to open your report.

Again, you now have the option to save it as a file or print it.

Membership and retention committees should ask their Grand Knight or Financial Secretary to produce one of these reports for them.

This information is very useful in recruiting former members. However, be mindful that the information is valid up to the last time it was updated when the former member was active. His status may

have changed since then. Nevertheless, I am sure that it will be a boost to your recruitment efforts and that you will make use of it.

As this is the Christmas edition of the Knightly News, I wish all Brother Knights and their families a holy, happy and joyous Christmas and a most prosperous and healthy New Year

Fraternally  
Dennis Jones  
Training Coordinator

### ***Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council***

The mission of the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council (CCAC) is to examine and address current issues regarding Aboriginal Peoples within the Catholic Church in Canada. The CCAC seeks to promote Aboriginal Peoples' culture and traditional celebrations within the context of the Catholic faith. The Council studies and analyzes issues related to Catholic Aboriginal spirituality and education. It encourages Aboriginal leadership in the Christian community, and supports and promotes reconciliation in the context of the Catholic reality.

The CCAC serves as an important link between Aboriginal Catholics and non-Aboriginal Catholics. It establishes partnerships that advance and advocate for meaningful relationships between Aboriginal Peoples and the Catholic Church at large. The CCAC also advises the Bishops of Canada on issues related to Aboriginal Peoples.

### ***The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples***

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is celebrated on December 12 every year, on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble native peasant, **Juan Diego**, in Mexico in 1531. The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council celebrates this day for prayer, solidarity and reconciliation, by issuing an annual message honouring Aboriginal people who were inspired by their Catholic faith.

### ***Coats for Kids***

Brothers: On November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Terra Nova Council 1452 and Archbishop Howley Assembly 0623 Fourth Degree presented three Community Groups for the distribution to Boys and Girls winter coats. The Worthy Grand Knight Pat Hayward and the Worthy Faithful Navigator Kevin Dormody presented the coats to: MacMorran Community Centre; Buckmasters Community Centre; Chaulker Place Community Centre. The coats were purchased by Terra Nova Council; Archbishop Howley Assembly; Columbian Squires of Terra Nova Council. The Knights were well received and given appreciation for the donations delivered.



### ***Food Drive***

As part of the Annual Santa Claus parade, Ville Marie Council 10599 collected food items along the parade route for the local food bank



### ***Job Opportunity***

As you may or may not know I am in the process of trying to find an Agent to represent our Insurance program on the west coast of Newfoundland. I was wondering if you could take the time to review your rosters and perhaps suggest someone who maybe looking for a new career, whether they are currently working or not it really does not matter. Along with that any help you can provide in regards to possibly suggesting anyone you may know or any of your members may know please forward along their name. Please mention it at your council meetings as well. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

***All I need is a name and contact information  
and I will take it from there.***

Thanks,  
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Brothers: a note to the above job opportunity. This was sent to Councils 2581 in Corner Brook and Council 3742 in Stephenville. If there is a Brother Knight Living anywhere and maybe interested in the job opportunity, please contact the above info.

### ***Message from 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Master***

On 11 November Assemblies throughout the Province remembered our armed forces and those that fought and died. Archbishop E.P. Roche Assembly did also, and for the third successive year, attended O'Brien Park at the foot of Signal Hill to honor Margaret Hickey O'Brien and her family. The Honor Guard observed, following a salute and the Last Post, two minutes silence.

This is a brief narrative explaining why this family has monuments in east end St. John's (foot of Signal Hill) and Outer Cove (Shrine to St. Anne, St. Francis of Assisi Church grounds) and motivates us to remember all families, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, husbands and wives, who lost loved ones in the wars and conflicts and also those who are serving today.

Margaret Hickey was born 12 February 1878 in Outer Cove and died at 85 years in St. John's 18 June 1963. She married Maurice O'Brien Sr. (born in Outer Cove 26 November 1874) on 1 Dec. 1900. He died in his 69<sup>th</sup> year on 30 August 1942 in St. John's. Together they raised 12 children. Four of their sons died at sea in WWII. She was Newfoundland Labrador's most bereaved mother in World War II. Between 1940 and 1942 four of her sons made the supreme sacrifice in the RN and Merchant Marine. In fact not only her husband but also two of her sons also died in 1942. David fell 5 October 1942 a month following of her husband's death and James a month before on 22 July 1942, an interval of merely 74 days. What unbearable sorrow!

Maurice O'Brien Jr., born 6 October 1921 in Outer Cove, was his father's namesake. He was first of the four brothers lost when the HMS Forfar sank on 2 December 1940. He was 19. The ship, commissioned into RN service in the North Atlantic received the name Forfar. Operating north of Great Britain she sank when torpedoed by a German submarine. Thirty-six officers and 136 men lost their lives. Maurice rests in the Chatham Naval Memorial that overlooks the town of Chatham. His name appears on the Chatham Naval Memorial in Kent, United Kingdom.

David O'Brien, born 8 May 1915 in Outer Cove, fell 28 September 1942 whilst serving on HM Rescue Tug Frisky a tugboat working in October 1942 for a time in St. John's harbor. He was 27 years old. Frisky plied the convoy lanes salvaging ships

distressed by enemy action, towing them to St. John's harbor. She was built for the RN and named HMS Frisky. She was sold to Maritime Foundation Canada located in Halifax. They needed a Tug, and found the laid-up ex HM Frisky. Able Seaman Michael O'Brien, born 19January1911 in Outer Cove, served on the S.S. Eastlea and was killed in action 30March1941. He was 30 years old and in the Canadian Merchant Navy. Eastlea was reported missing. The master, 33 crewmembers and three gunners were lost. The torpedo that struck her broke her back and she sank within ten minutes about 130 miles west-northwest of San Antonia, Cape Verde Islands.

James O'Brien, born 14February1919 in Outer Cove, was lost at sea 22July1942. More research into his life and death may reveal more details. Anecdotal evidence says he was serving with the USN. He was 23 years old

Knights attended the new veteran's memorial in Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove. It culminates years of planning and labor by retired Master Cpl. Pat O'Rourke. O'Rourke said he first got the idea for the memorial in 1963, when his mother told him the story of the four O'Brien brothers from Outer Cove who went off to war, but never returned.

He says of the O'Brien family: "They were born just up the road here. They moved into St. John's in the early- to mid-Thirties and then the war broke out and they never returned, and when she told me that story that inspired me to do this," he said. "It's been a dream of mine ever since then," he said. "All the grandchildren for years and years to come will ask their parents, 'Mom, Dad, what's that for?' and they'll explain it to them... and that's all that it is, it's a remembrance and that's how they'll continue to remember," he said.

The Assembly also attended the Memorials in Torbay, Outer Cove and held Ceremonies at Masses on 12-13 November at St. Paul's and St. Francis of Assisi churches. Assemblies might strive to identify Silver Cross Mothers and their families for our Remembrance Day activities. We are about families and ought to honor survivors every 11 November in our jurisdictions.



Honor Guard 11 November at the Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove War Memorial.

## ***MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS***

Is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

### ***Our Family Prayer***

O dear Jesus: I humbly implore you to grant your Special graces to our Family, May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and Faith. I beg you, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead

O Mary: loving mother of Jesus and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our Family, for all the Families of the world. To guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph: Holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your Prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which he granted to you, to watch over our home and at the pillow of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with you, Heaven may find our Family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. ***Amen***