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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE



It has been a very gratifying year as I wrap up my time as State Deputy. This year we implemented a number of changes including updating the State Lottery, ushering in a considerably revamped State Convention programme as well as continuing to develop our social media platforms and increase our K of C brand awareness in our communities. As well, we had our best recruiting intake in 17 years this Fraternal Year, recruiting 67 new members. As well, we made significant inroads in Faith in Action Supreme Sponsored programs like Coats for Kids and Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP) as more Councils agreed to the support these FIA programs. This year at our Annual Convention we “passed the Hat” and collected \$2215.00 for the Island Pregnancy Center (IPC) for which I had the pleasure of presenting the Executive Director IPC with that amount on behalf of all Island Knights.

Perhaps our most significant accomplishment this year was the stand up of Cor and its implementation by half of our Councils. Cor is an evangelizing tool designed to strengthen Men’s faith and lead them to discipleship through regular fellowship gatherings that focus on prayer, formation and fraternity. It is the necessary ingredient in leading our Councils and our membership as well as men in our parishes and those who are “far away” to become evangelized and evangelizing in helping our Parishes to become missionary in outlook and outreach!

In looking back, these three years as State Deputy were a whirlwind of activity. Given the severe demographic imbalance of our membership and councils, our focus has been and remains on revitalizing our Order here on PEI and ensuring that those Councils which are in danger of becoming non-operational - don’t, through recruitment and using a variety of methods designed to encourage men to join the Knights of Columbus. This process has required a significant change in how we conduct activities and recruitment as well as increasing our brand recognition in our communities. I am extremely thankful that we had the right people in the right positions at the right time to drive these changes. To that I owe a big thank you to the State Executive Officers, our Faith in Action Directors, our Lottery Chair, our Convention Planning Chair and Team, Special Olympics Chair as well as our EFF Director, all of whom oversaw and implemented these changes over the past three years. I am also thankful for the many Grand Knights and Councils which have responded positively to these changes, I am also thankful to our Bishop, His Excellency Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, our State Chaplain Fr Andrew Handrahan and our Diocesan Priests for their spiritual guidance and support to their Councils and our Order here on PEI, and our many Lay Brothers and Sisters who daily assist us in our endeavors. I also wish to thank our wives many of whom also toil along side us in our Parishes helping to bring others to the Lord. Finally, I extend best wishes to our new State Deputy Savio Dias and the new State Executive Officers, District Deputies and Program Directors who will be working on behalf of all PEI Knights of Columbus members and our Parishes in Fraternal Year 2024/2025.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike White
State Deputy

STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE TO THE KNIGHTS

Reverend Andrew Handrahan



"But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

James 2:18 – ESV

As a part of our Catholic Faith, we know of the intimate connection between faith and works. We are aware that true and authentic faith will always express itself concretely in the lives of the faithful. Our faith is something this is always to be put into action and lived out. In faith we conform ourselves to Christ, who is love; and seeking to be like Christ we ourselves

strive to love, to act in charity. The Catechism teaches us:

"Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself. By faith "man freely commits his entire self to God." For this reason the believer seeks to know and do God's will. "The righteous shall live by faith. "Living faith" work(s) through charity." The gift of faith remains in one who has not sinned against it. But "faith apart from works is dead": when it is deprived of hope and love, faith does not fully unite the believer to Christ and does not make him a living member of his Body." (CCC 1814-1815)

And so it is that our order has long been a great champion of charity. The Knights of Columbus is a group that works in charity at local, national, and international levels. It has been a champion of charity for a hundred and forty-two years, from its beginning when it sought to alleviate the genuine suffering of Catholic men and families in a fiercely anti-Catholic society. And now, in our time, we have a renewed focus. At the State Chaplain meeting in New Haven at the beginning of June, the Supreme Officers have committed to their intent that the Knights of Columbus will be, 'first in faith, as we are in charity'. We have seen this renewal already taking place in the rolling out of the COR initiative, as we seek to find ways for the men of our councils, and all the men of our parishes, to grow in the faith that they have received, and to find fraternity in the work of that growth. This is so important for us, because faith is at the center of what we do and who we are:

"The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: "All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks." Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." (CCC 1814-1816).

We are to keep, profess, bear witness to, and spread the faith. Our new initiatives within the order are meant to assist men in this. They are meant to help us all to be strengthened in our faith, in order that we might be better equipped in this modern world to do just this. Let us open ourselves with hope, that we might become 'first in faith as we are in charity'.

In Christ,
Fr. Andrew Handrahan
State Chaplain

District Master of the 4th Degree Message



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT MASTER

Worthy Brother Sir Knights,

There is an old saying that the “older we get, the faster the time goes by”. Well for me time appears to be moving at warp speed. It seems that I no sooner look ahead on my calendar, and before I know it, the months have passed by. These past 6 months have been a prime example.

There have been several notable events since my last submission, however the most significant one for me personally was the passing of SK Ralph Dunn. Ralph was a very well-known Sir Knight who was held in the highest regard by all who knew him. Ralph epitomized what it took to be a Sir Knight. Personally, he was a mentor to me. I would not be where I am today in the Order if it were not for SK Ralph’s friendship and mentorship. He is truly missed.



The Honour Guard at the ready for SK Ralph Dunn’s funeral.

I cannot help but look back at the past 5 plus years that I have held his office. There have been so many memorable events that I would need a book to fit them all in. More significantly, is the number of outstanding individuals that I am privileged to call friends. The list is by no means complete, however individuals such as SK’s Vernon Buote, Les Standing, Peter Gallant, Louis Shea, Lloyd Deagle, and a whole host of others come to mind. Regrettably, I also lost a few SK’s who had an impact on me such as SKs Ralph Dunn, Michael MacDonald, and Bud Glass to name but a few.

We have seen many changes over the last number of years, the most notable being the change of Regalia. The last time we wore the former Regalia was for the Ordination of Father Flynn back in 2021. What an exceptional group we had assembled for that event.



The Honour Guard for the Ordination of Father Walter Flynn in April 2021. This was the last time the former Regalia was worn on Prince Edward Island.

As I stated at the recent District Master's meeting, the time for any further discussion on the merits of this change is now over and regardless of our personal view, we must move forward with our mission of patriotism. The new uniform will soon be made available to us from a Canadian provider, and this will make it much more affordable.



DM Dan with the FN and FC at this year's Biennial meeting held on 23 May 24. L – R , SK Allan Ryan, SK Louis Shea, DM Dan Miller, SK Roger Burke, SK Stephen Lapierre and SK Patrick Doohan

I would also like to make special mention of the fact that our Order, particularly here on PEI is clearly on the right track and our numbers are improving. There are many factors that are contributing to this and my hat is off to our State Deputy and his Officers for the leadership they have demonstrated in growing our Order. It is refreshing to witness new young Knights joining the Order. This bodes well for our combined future.

Looking ahead, the 4th Degree will be celebrating 125 years of existence in Feb of 2025. I am confident that the incoming Master will be developing a plan to mark this milestone.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of my Brother Knights for the support and guidance that I have received during my time as your District Master.

This has been a very rewarding journey, and I believe that I am a much better Knight now than when I first took on this position. My hope is that you extend the same level of support and co-operation to the incoming Master as you share with me.

Vivat Jesus,

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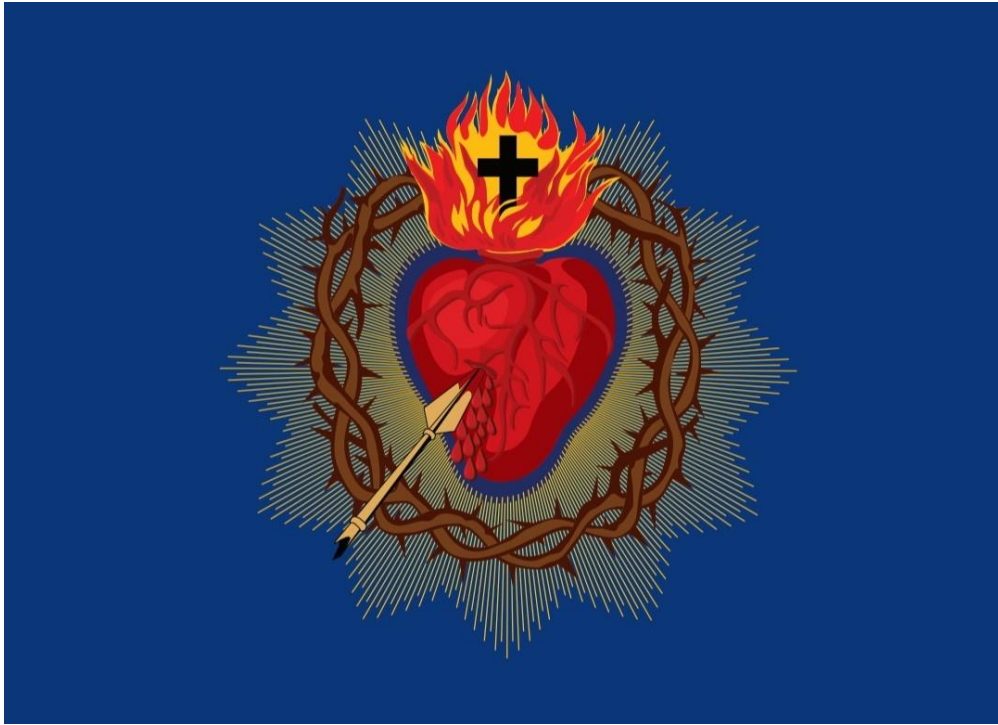
St. Mary's Holy Family Council
Kensington



Left to Right: Brother Carl Gallant, Brother Jim MacLellan, Brother Reg
Murphy and
Brother Peter McCarville

St Mary's Holy Family Council 12465 holds an annual yard sale each May or early June. All funds raised go towards a scholarship awarded each year to a grade twelve student who shows outstanding leadership in the community and in their respective parishes. To date the council has given out six awards to students entering university or college.

Cor Report



Seven Cor men's groups began on PEI over the past year. Nearly 100 men are gathering regularly in Tignish, Wellington, Summerside, Cornwall and Charlottetown to pray, learn the faith, and spend time in fellowship. Several groups studied the Holy Father's encyclical *Patris Corde* – With a Father's Heart, a meditation on the life of St. Joseph. Other Cor groups followed the Knights of Columbus Into the Breach videos (Series 1 and 2). Each Cor groups meets at the time that fits each group's schedules - for example Saturday mornings, Sunday and weekday evenings, or even weekday afternoons.

Cor is Latin for heart and comes from St. John Henry Newman's motto 'Cor ad Loquitur' (Heart speaks to Heart). Cor is open to all men of the parish, with the goal to grow closer to Christ and His Church and develop bonds of brotherhood. The PEI State Cor Team is here to assist you with Cor at your parish. Cor groups have access to FORMED by the Augustine Institute and other quality Catholic study materials.

We would like to thank the support of each council that began Cor this year, and especially the Cor group leaders: Bruce Arsenault (St. Simon & St. Jude, Tignish); Bert Arsenault (Immaculate Conception, Wellington); John Van Vliet (St. Paul's Summerside); Kerry Moore (St. Francis of Assisi, Cornwall), Ferdinand Maramag (St. Dunstan's Basilica), David Lopes (Holy Redeemer, Charlottetown), and Joe Martell (St. Pius X, Charlottetown).

If you would like to learn more about Cor, please email us at peistatecor@gmail.com

KENSINGTON COUNCIL 12465 COMMUNITY SUPPORT THROUGH COATS FOR KIDS



Pictured from left to right Jackson Reddin PCU staff; Paul Cyr KofC Grand Knight; Brian Beaton KofC Treasurer; Berni MacDonald-Ford staff; Dominic Harper staff; Pete McCarville KofC Recorder; Kerri Bertram Branch Manager; Maggie O'Brien staff; and Joe Savage staff.

Saint Mary's Holy Family Knights of Columbus donated twelve new coats for kids to the Malpeque Bay branch of Provincial Credit Union for their Christmas Tree of Hope Campaign. Coats for Kids is a Supreme program that councils take advantage of and buy these coats at discounted prices from head office. Since its inception in 2009 councils across Canada and the United States have donated over one million coats to children who might not otherwise have one. Our Council is very proud to take part in this important program

KENSINGTON COUNCIL 12465 HELPING THOSE IN NEED THROUGH THE DONATION OF FURNITURE



St. Mary's Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus in Kensington delivered furniture we had in storage for Mauriceo Murrillo (pictured right) who is waiting for permanent residence status. This furniture was donated to him by a parishioner to use when he set up his own home on P.E.I. after his wife and two girls arrive here. Because the permanent residence status process is taking so long, Mauriceo decided to donate his furniture to a needy family in Kensington. Our council took the furniture out of storage and delivered it to the family in need. Pictured above from left are council treasurer Brian Beaton and Mauriceo carrying a dresser into the home of the family. Not shown is Grand Knight Paul Cyr who held the furniture in storage for him.

PROCEEDS FROM "PASS THE HAT" COLLECTED AT THE PEI K OF C AGM DONATED TO ISLAND PREGNANCY CENTER



State Deputy Mike White on behalf of all PEI Knights, presented Tammy MacKinnon, Executive Director, Island Pregnancy Centre, Charlottetown and Summerside, this past week with the proceeds of the money that was collected from "Pass the Hat" at the recent PEI K of C Convention that was held 19-21 April,. State Deputy White is seen here presenting Executive Director MacKinnon with the proceeds in the amount of \$2215.00 at the Open House that was held May 13th to officially mark the opening of IPC's Hope House Mother's Home at the IPC location in Summerside. IPC Board Member Brady Grant who is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, and Grand Knight of Council 824 St Dunstan's Basilica, was also on hand during the presentation.

Under the "Pass the Hat" incentive, Supreme matches 25% of the money raised from "Pass the Hat" and makes it payable to the IPC.

Summerside Council 2070 Leads the Corpus Christi Procession



Bloomfield Council 13143 Receives Arnold Moore Award for Administrative Excellence for FY 2023/2024



Council 13143 Bloomfield won the Arnold Moore Award for Administrative Excellence for Fraternal Year 2023/2024. State Deputy Mike White made the trip up to Bloomfield to present the Council with the Award. On hand to receive the award was Financial Secretary Joseph Charles (Sam) Wedge with Grand Knight Rodney Delaney and State Deputy Mike White presenting Sam with the award.

Below Chancellor Allan Morrison and Financial Secretary Sam Wedge stand beside the AED that was recently installed inside St Anthony's Church

While up there to present the award, State Deputy Mike had the opportunity to be shown the new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that was recently installed inside St Anthony's Catholic Church in Bloomfield by Council 13143. With the proceeds of a couple of successful fundraising projects over the last 2 years the Council was able to make donations to local community helping organizations like the Caring Cupboard and Christmas Hampers. The Council also took the opportunity to purchase and install an AED in the parish hall and another for the church. In total Council 13143 gave \$2800 for purchase of the AED units and helped install them in the church and hall.





There is no mistaking the pride of place that the people of St Anthony's Parish regard Council 13143. As you enter the Church - before you is a large carpet adorned with the Knights of Columbus logo.

Father Eric Dunn's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination



State Deputy Mike White had the honour on behalf of all PEI Knights, to present a Certificate of Recognition to Father Eric Dunn on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Fr Eric played a pivotal role in the growth of the PEI Knights of Columbus and was its State Deputy from 1979 to 1981, the only Reverend Father to ever have held that position in the Knights of Columbus Order.

Councils have been busy Holding Combined Degree Exemplifications Recently



Our Lady of the Assumption Council 6899 in Stratford welcomed 2 new members today, father and son Mike Spidel and Nathan Spidel. Pictured left to right: Rick Richard, Pat Doohan, Richard Allen,

Grand Knight Ian MacIsaac, Pierre Doiron, Mike Spidel, Nathan Spidel, Eric Kelly and State Deputy Mike White.



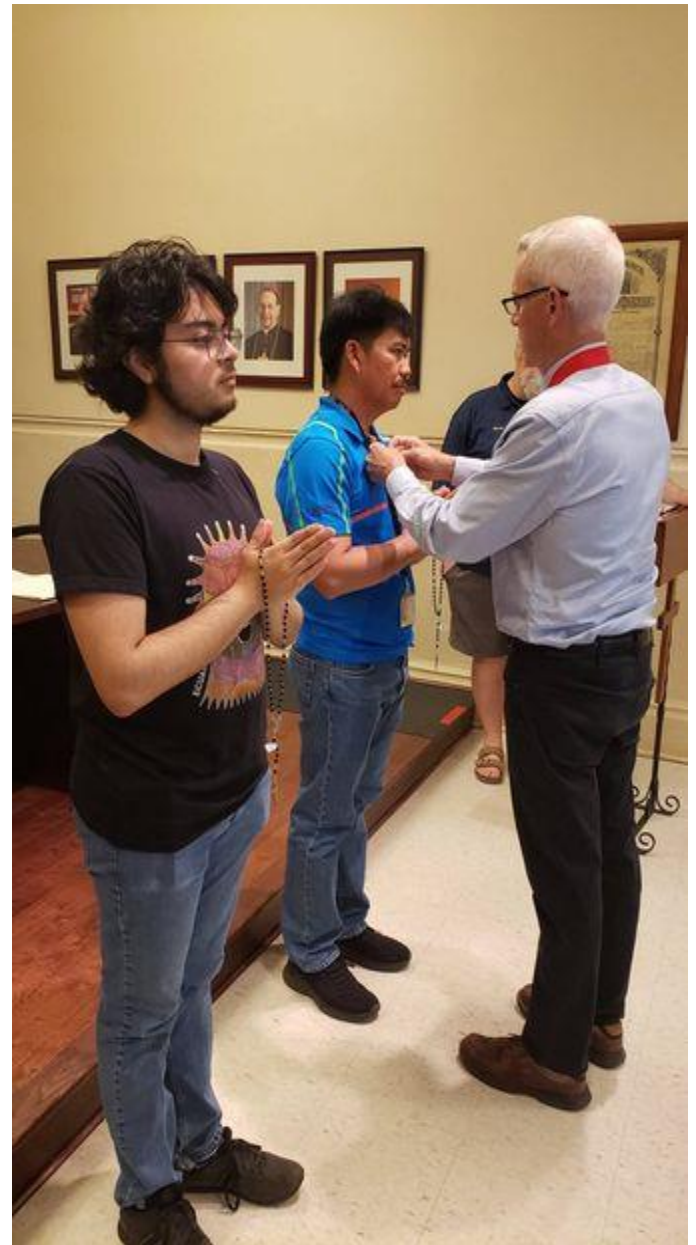
A very warm welcome to these three brother Knights exemplified this evening at St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River. Left to right: Luke McQuaid (St. Pius X Council), Devlin Bruce and Jim Quinn ((Vernon River Council). Many thanks to the Exemplification Team which





On June 13th Our Lady of Fatima Council 824 St Dunstan's Basilica held an Exemplification and welcomed two new members into its Council. Many Council 824 members were on hand to witness the ceremony and welcome Brothers Juan Francisco Quevedo León and Romeo Turin into the Council. Congratulations Brothers Francisco and Romeo! On hand to present the two new Knights with the emblem of the Order was District Deputy Pat Doohan.

On Sunday 26th May, Council 824 held a Combined Degree Exemplification ceremony to welcome four new men into our Council. It was well attended and District Master of the 4th Degree Sir Knight Dan Miller was also on hand to speak on the 4th Degree and its importance. Our four newest members are: Garin Anthony, Sebastian Beaulac, Joselito Abedoza and Maxwell Kelvyn Nwachukwu



Council 2070 Held a Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast 25 May 2024



It is working together as a group of men that forges a bond that fosters Brotherhood and friendship!



Council Anniversaries



Outgoing Grand Knight being presented with a certificate of appreciation from Incoming Grand Knight Bill Smith.

Two Councils celebrated Anniversaries. On June 16th Holy Redeemer Council 7748 celebrated its 44th Anniversary having received its Charter in 1980. Originally, a banquet had been scheduled to be held back in 2020 to mark its 40th Anniversary but Covid unfortunately prevented that from happening. It was a well-attended affair held at the Rodd Charlottetown and many certificates were handed out.



As well Kensington Council 12465 celebrated its 25th Anniversary having received its Charter in 1999. It was also a well-attended affair held at the Community Center in Emerald. The featured highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Supreme Knight's 25th Anniversary Certificate and calling forward Chartered members who were in attendance for a picture.



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If you have memorabilia, pictures and other items of interest pertaining to the Knights of Columbus that you would like to pass on, please drop me a line.