

Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Vice Supreme Master, State Officers, District Master, General Agent, District Deputies, State Appointees, Grand Knights, Delegates, Ladies and Brother Knights. I bring greetings and best wishes to each of you on behalf of our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

This is not the State Convention I had planned for our 100th Anniversary of our State Council. This pandemic has changed our lives forever and now we are entering into a new age. Many of the changes we are witnessing now would have probably come in due course however, we have to adapt so as not to place people in situations that could compromise their health and wellbeing. Supreme has been able to come up with ways to enable the jurisdictions to hold their State Council meetings to be compliant with the Laws and Constitution of the Knights of Columbus. State Council Annual meeting using the FLS Connect platform where by the delegates use their phone to connect to the meeting. They are given a code and only those delegates who have registered will be able to participate in the meeting. The State meeting is an abbreviated version of the order of business usually conducted at the State Council Annual meeting. The order of business will consist of Minutes from the previous State Council Meeting in Yarmouth May 2019, the Budget for the next Fraternal Year 2020-2021, Resolutions from the Councils which will be sent to Supreme as per the general practice and the Nominations for Officers for the Nova Scotia State Council for the Fraternal Year 2020 -2021. This includes the election of the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and the State Warden. The State Chaplain is appointed by the State Deputy and his term is renewed or not by the State Deputy. This whole process will take approx. an hour and a half. There will be no discussion and the motions will be put for a vote and the participants will either vote for or against.

The nominations for the various officers will follow the same process as in the past one difference is that the resume of each candidate will not be read but will be distributed to each voting member prior to the meeting. Names will be called for each position and this will be called for three times and at that point nominations can be made from the floor. A vote will be taken and the person who receives the most number will be declared the winner. The same for the delegates to the Supreme Convention in August. The State Deputy and the IPSD automatically are chosen and nominations are called for the Third Delegate to attend the Supreme Convention. If more than one name is submitted then there will be an election and the member who accumulates the highest number will be the Third Delegate. The same process is also followed for the Alternates to the State Deputy, Immediate Past State Deputy and the Third delegate.

The order of business and the whole weekend has been altered to accommodate our responsibility to have a State Council Meeting. The awards program will still be done at some point in time once we get through the restrictions placed on the Province's Department of Health. Also the State Lottery Ticket draw will happen on Oct. 13, 2020. This extended time will give Councils more time to sell tickets without putting themselves in jeopardy. State Program Director Larry will be picking a winner for the best projects as in the past and these will be sent to Supreme. We still have to do what we always did and not let this pandemic spoil our opportunity to honor those Councils who continue to demonstrate our principles of Charity, Unity Fraternity and Patriotism and the Faith in Action Program model continues to be direction we follow to live out our Faith and continue to practice our Catholic faith while caring for our families, Parishes and communities.

I want to welcome those Councils Grand Knights and Officers who have registered to participate in the Virtual State Council Meeting, Thank you and together we will get through this and when we come out the other side we can renew our acquaintances and make new ones following the Covid -19. In light of everything we are going through now and will at the Virtual State Council Annual Meeting I as each one of you to remember that one of our main principles is Fraternity and it is hoped that following the Virtual State Council Annual Meeting we continue to demonstrate that principle and that we belong to a very strong Organization founded by the Venerable Father Michael McGivney with a vision that we are to help the less fortunate and to continue to follow our Faith and together will get through this and how it can help you to become re-invigorated in the work of the Order. As your State Deputy it is my duty and privilege to report to you on the state of the Order in the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia.

State Deputies Organizational Meeting 5th – 9th June 2019 (New Haven CT.)

I want to thank the Grand Knights for the trust you have in me to serve as your State Deputy for the Fraternal Year 2019-2020. Following the State Convention May 2019 I went to New Haven Ct. to meet with all the State Deputies of the Order. These four days were spent in workshops addressing membership Growth.

In the past three or four years the State Deputies were tasked with developing a Strategic Plan for their Jurisdiction and this was a road map as to how the State Deputy and his team would manage the jurisdiction during the Fraternal Year. This past year the State Deputies were required to develop a strategic membership plan. Supreme developed a new Performance Plan on how to manage membership growth designed to focus on the development of membership growth. What the

State Deputy planned for the year and how he and his team were going to meet their membership goal of 155 new members this Fraternal Year. The State Deputy and team members would be held accountable. The plan seeks to define goals and how we will obtain them. To help the State Teams achieve their membership goals Supreme hired a team of Regional Trainers who would report directly to the Regional Growth Director ours being Paul Perry PSD and his team of two Regional Trainers.

We had the honour to be addressed by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson whose message was to help our Order grow in Membership, Charity, Insurance, Volunteer service, while providing protection for our Families, Church that is our mission. As leaders of Catholic men to take responsibilities for our families, neighbours in need, to love our country and to defend life. Supreme Knight Carl believes that God is calling Catholic men to defend our Church and to manage their businesses with integrity. The Knights of Columbus is an organization where Catholic men will become better husbands, fathers, Parishers and better citizens that is our Mission.

Supreme Convention 5th–8th August 2019 Minneapolis MN.

The 137th Supreme Convention was held in Minneapolis MN. State Chaplain Fr. Jim O'Connor, Past State Deputy George McCormack and his wife Colleen, State Warden Harold and his wife Cathy along with myself representing Nova Scotia. Everyone enjoyed the Supreme Convention and the city of Minneapolis, lots of things to see and the hospitality was very good.

State Deputy Midyear Meeting 22nd – 24th November 2019

I attended the State Deputy Mid-Year Meeting in Orlando FL. The three days were very informative and we shared a lot of information. This year the mid-year meeting was a bit later than usual. The reason was that Supreme was introducing a new Degree titled the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree. What Supreme they took part of the three Degrees, Charity, Unity and Fraternity and combined them into one Degree. This degree replaces the former Degrees and the unique aspect of this degree is that it is open. Family, Friends and children can witness the Exemplification of this Degree. The Candidates no longer took an oath of secrecy and could be viewed by the public. Following the initial presentation there was time to offer suggestions on how this could be improved and Supreme listened to these suggestions. The authority on the presentation of this Degree was left up to the State Deputies as to how and when they started to use this new format. Also at this meeting were the State Ceremonial Chairs as they would help the State Deputy implement the degree in their jurisdiction. Our Conferring Officer Rick Kennedy was in attendance and he and I discussed how and when Nova Scotia would have the first exemplification. When we returned home and in consultation with the State Ceremonial Chair PSD Robert Brooks it was decided that we would have the first Degree in Dartmouth early in the new Year 2020. On Feb. 15th the first Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity was held at St Clement Church in Dartmouth with thirty- four (34) Candidates present. A second Degree was scheduled for Antigonish in March but this had to be cancelled due to Covit-19.

July Organizational Meeting 12th -14th July 2019

State Organizational Meeting was held in Truro at the Holiday Inn we had a good turn out of Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries. I introduced and welcomed our new District Deputy team, consisting of new and former District Deputies, State Program Director Larry McCarthy, the new State Membership Director Abraham Somavarap, and State Operations Director George McCormack PSD.

Also present were members of the State Executive, State Treasurer Art Rice State Advocate Greg McIntosh and State Warden Harold MacDonald and State Chaplain Fr. Jim O'Connor. Fr. Jim was able to be present for the State Executive meeting on Friday and was the Celebrant at our Sunday liturgy Mass on Saturday evening. Prior to the July Organizational meeting State Secretary Ron had to have heart surgery and was not able to attend these meetings or the weekend. I want to personally thank our State Operations Director George McCormack PSD for assuming the duties of State Secretary for the weekend. I cannot thank PSD George enough for all that he has done for me during this weekend and also during the whole year. Thank you Brother George for everything you do for the Order and me it is greatly appreciate.

We were honoured to have Regional Growth Director Paul Perry PSD with us for the weekend. The theme for the weekend was how to grow the Order in Nova Scotia and what do we have to do in order to have every Council in Nova Scotia reach their membership goals. The format for the seminars on Saturday would be classroom set-up where there would be three presenters to speak on Membership, Online Members, Fraternal Benefits and the Faith in Action program model. As mentioned above Supreme has developed a team of Regional Trainers

and they would conduct part of the Training during the weekend. Unfortunately one of our Trainers was not able to attend due to flight connections and we had to modify the program to fill in his time slot. Everything worked out and we were able to provide those in attendance with some very useful information.

State Advocate Greg was installed to his position as he was the newest State Officer, also new and former District Deputies were installed for the Fraternal Year 2019-2020.

Mid –Year Meeting November 29th - December 1st

The District Deputy Mid-Year meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton in Dartmouth. The weekend started off with a meeting of the State Executive followed by a meeting of the Nova Scotia State Charitable Foundation Board of Directors. On Friday evening a District Deputy Training session was held dealing with Membership presentations: Open House, Taking Prospect to Member, Online Membership 101 (Promoting E-Membership and Prospect Information Pages. We were very lucky to have Regional Trainer Wayne Fink present for the whole weekend. His expertise was very valuable and the District Deputies very appreciative of the training they received. On Saturday was very busy as presentations were presented to the District Deputies on ways they could help their Councils grow in terms of membership growth. Faith in Action program Updates, Accountability – Helping Grand Knights succeed. The Safe Environment program was discussed particularly around compliance issues. I cannot stress enough how important this initiative is and that every Grand Knight in the Jurisdiction must be compliant with this program. When I am at Supreme meetings the Supreme Knight continues to stress the importance of this program and that we have a responsibility

to keep our children and vulnerable people safe when they are participating in our programs or activities. The world is not the same place as when the majority of us were growing up and now that we are in a position of trust. We have to be made aware of the situations that could happen and be prepared to deal with situations in a way as to protect those we are responsible for and under our supervision.

The ironical thing of this meeting was that we were discussion how to use the electronic medium to correspond with our Councils, State and Supreme. The District Deputies were asked to encourage their Councils to use Supreme Webinars and the State Website for information. Now as I am writing this report we are in the digital age with both feet, who would think that things would be the way this has turned out and that the State Convention will be a virtual. Again telecommunication has come a long way from the tin can and the string.

State Regional Meetings October – 2019

Once again we held Regional Meetings in the fall, this year we only had two meetings both with the same format. The first Regional meeting was held in Port Hawkesbury hosted by Council 7924 on Oct. 19th and the second was in Halifax hosted by St. Agnes Council 16817 on Oct. 26th. These meetings were centered around membership recruitment specifically on how to run effective Church Drives. Regional Trainer Denis Belanger was the presenter for both sessions. The information was very well prepared and presented and the members who were present at both sessions were very positive and they came away with a better understanding on how to run effective church drives.

We also had presentations from the State Program Director Larry on the Faith in Action program model to clarified some of the problems Grand Knight had

encountered since the last meeting.

Membership Recruitment. The Regional Team consisted of State Officers Art Rice, Harold MacDonald, State Directors, Larry McCarthy Program Director, Abraham Membership Director, George McCormack PSD State Operations Director and I kept everyone in line. We were joined by RGD Paul Perry PSD, Denis Belanger and General I Agent Gilles Seguin from our Insurance Agency.

I want to thank members of the Regional Meeting team members for the many hours in preparing their presentations and to the host Councils who provided the venues and lunches for these important meetings. Thank you, it was greatly appreciated.

Membership

Membership continues to be our primary focus .If we do not recruit new members then we will not survive. This message has resonated throughout the Order and we in Nova Scotia can attest that we need new members to continue. Supreme and State has announced incentives with the hope that Councils would use these as a motivation tool to increase their membership. In the fall until Christmas there was an incentive for the District Deputies whereby if their District recruited twelve members before Christmas then they would receive a cash prize. No District Deputy were awarded any money but this was not for lack of trying. State has an incentive which is still active and will end at the end of the current fraternal year. This incentive is when a member recruits a new member and he completes his degree the recruiter will receive ten dollars for every new member.

Online members is becoming the way for new members to join our Order and now

with the new Exemplification which was recently announced Members will be able to become full Knights very quickly. There will no longer be long wait periods where an eligible Catholic man signs up as an E-member and in a very short period of time will complete his pathway to full Knighthood. As I am writing this report, there will be an Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree this evening from Supreme. Candidates from around the USA and Canada will view the exemplification from the comfort of their own homes and following the thirty minute degree will be full members of the Knights of Columbus with all of the privileges associated with membership in the largest Catholic Organization in the world. With Covid-19 Supreme has stepped up to come up with a way to have members enter the Knights of Columbus as new members or first and second members become third degree Knights especially in this current time of unusual circumstances. This will now become the new way degrees will be exemplified and it is hoped that this will appeal to younger Catholic men and will be able to join without having to travel a distance or wait for a long time to become members.

Faith in Action

I want to apologize to State Program Director Larry McCarthy for taking the information he gathered to include in my report last year. However, the numbers he gathered are for publication as it gives a very clear and precise picture the great works the Councils and the Members are doing to promote the Order, live their Catholic Faith and more importantly helping the less fortunate and those in need.

This truly exemplifies our First Principle of Charity. Through the generous works of the Knights of Columbus we are able to provide comfort to many and at the same time build fraternity among our members. The work of the Knights of

Columbus through the Faith in Action Program model not only gives to those in need but it also gives us as members, the opportunity to demonstrate our Catholic Faith. As Catholic Gentlemen we are committed to strengthen our Families, Parishes and Communities while being committed to the vision of the Venerable Fr. Michael J McGivney our Founder.

The Faith in Action Program Model has four main areas each with its own programs and activities to address specific areas of the model. The four areas are Faith, Life, Family and Community. To ensure that the Councils get the most out of the Faith in Action Program model Supreme has highlighted programs that are meant to inspire Councils to put their Faith into action. The goal is for Councils to be active and to conduct programs that draw men closer to their Faith, families and communities – add defend life in all stages and in all conditions. The Councils are encouraged to implement any program that will help to make a difference in your parish and communities. There are recommended programs, featured programs and required programs in each category. The reason for the distinction of programs is for Councils to qualify for Supreme Council awards. Many of the Councils are already doing one or more of the programs in the required category. These programs are designed to enrich the spiritual life of the council, family and community. These programs are incredibly simple to implement, often complementing other activities the council is already doing.

This year I am not going to use the information from the State Program Director's report. There are some significant numbers in this report on the activities that councils have participated in during this Columbian year. I will however highlight some programs which in my opinion have demonstrated some significant contributions from the Knights of Columbus to those in need, Church activities,

family and the defense of the sanctity of life. Under the **Faith Category**: Eleven Councils participated in the RSVP by donating \$17,099.00 to support Seminarians and those entering religious life. District Deputy Jude Rankin's son is currently in the Seminary. Knights of Columbus continues to be a strong supporter of the Churches in our jurisdiction, over \$64,709.00 and over 31,550 hours was either donated or spent to help fix or repair some of our parish Churches. Marion Hour (Icon) is or was still making its way around the jurisdiction, due to the COVID-19 this has been put on hold until after the pandemic is over. **Family Category**: Food for Families Program several Councils volunteered to collect food for their local food banks and donated more than \$55,469.00 and 6,467 volunteer hours to help the needy. There are many Councils who do programs not specifically listed and these include Family Formation, Family prayer night and have donated more than 10,398 volunteer hours. **Community Category**: Councils have really stepped up under this category particularly in response to the Coats for Kids Program. There were 18 Councils participate this year to help keep children warm this past winter. Donations were over \$29,999.80 for this program which translates in more than 845 boxes of coats which equals 10,152 coats. This is a significant contribution to help our needy children to keep warm this winter. There were 32 Councils who awarded Scholarships and Bursaries totalling more than \$34,100.00 not counting the \$6,000.00 that State had awarded to Students in the Province. **Life Category**: March for Life continues to be one of our most important cause and several Councils participated in walks and marches throughout the Province. Some councils joined together with other groups to form a bigger presence. This year Councils donated more than \$10,799.00 and donated more than 13,648 hours to this very important and worthwhile cause. Special Olympics is another Program

which the public identifies with the Knights of Columbus. There were twenty-eight Councils donating \$12,575.00 to the Special Olympics travel fund and have donated more than 5,432 volunteer hours to the Special Olympics program. One of the new categories under the Life category is the Mass for Special needs. As mentioned above the Faith in Action is only two years old and Supreme is taking suggestions from Knights and are expanding programs which will us as Knights demonstrate our Faith while helping those in need. The Councils in Nova Scotia have conducted approx. 131 special Masses, an average of more than two per Council and they were held for deceased members, people with special needs and First responders. Once we get through this pandemic every Council should plan to hold a special Mass followed by a reception for all of our First Responders, front line Medical personnel, store clerks, truck drivers and anyone who they want to honour for what they did for all of us during this very difficult time. The Silver Rose Program was just getting started in Nova Scotia when the churches were closed and we were unable to continue with the route that had been planned. This not only affected us but every jurisdiction where the roses were to be sent. As I am writing this report I still have the Silver Rose Icon and will send it along once everything is opened up again. I want to thank those Councils who had an opportunity to host a Silver Rose prayer service and hopefully we can get it again next year and more Councils will have an opportunity to host a prayer service for the Silver Rose program.

I want to thank the State Program Director Larry for all of his hard work and dedication to the Order and the long hours he has put into the portfolio as the State Program Director, your dedication to the Order and me is greatly appreciated and I want to Thank You for everything.

Safe Environment

The Safe Environment Program continues to a Supreme mandatory Program where designated positions on both State and Council level where officers are required to complete before they can sponsor an event where young person's participate. The ideology is that we are responsible for the young people we supervise at our events and we have to do diligence to ensure that they are in a Safe Environment and that we have taken the necessary steps to ensure that their parents and the community know that we are protecting young people while in our care. Supreme has placed a lot of emphasis on this program so much that in order to qualify for any Supreme Awards Council Grand Knights, Family and Community Directors need to have satisfied the requirements as laid down by Supreme. The State of Nova Scotia has also adapted that premise Councils need to be compliant with the Safe Environment Standards to be eligible for any State Council Awards. There are designated position on the State Council who are required to complete the Safe Environment program similar to what the Councils are required to be compliant.

The State Deputy and State Advocate are required to take the training and also the State Program Director, State Youth Director, State Family Director and State Community Director. I can report that all of these positions are compliant with the direction given to me by Supreme and because of this we as a State qualify for any Supreme Council Awards. This is how serious Supreme take this Program and I cannot stress enough that the Councils must complete the training if they want to be considered for any State or Supreme awards.

As I stated above the 100th Convention that was being planned will not happen instead there will be a virtual State Council meeting on May 9th at 10:00 am. This

meeting will only deal with items that we must address and there will be no time for any other business. The Charitable Foundation meeting will take place at another time due to time constraints. The State Lottery Ticket draw has already been rescheduled to October 13th 2020 when the draw will be done at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Lower Sackville. These are some housekeeping items I want everyone to know.

Early in January I had sent out a request to Councils requesting information on what each Council thought was one of their most significant event or activity the Council had accomplish since they received their Charter. Their submission was to be brief and to cover anything they thought they wanted the Councils to know in honour of our 100th Anniversary. I had received two and probably would have received more but due to the pandemic I understand. To add to my report I want to share some highlights of the two submissions I did receive. One is from Yarmouth Council 2181 and their submission depicted their involvement with the WW11 War Effort. In 1939 the Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Huts was established to provide chaplain services and recreation activities for soldiers. The Council was asked to fund raise to support this program. Council 2181's quota was \$500.00, however, their campaign raised \$1295.63. Between 1941 and 1945 the Council Chambers were a drop in centre for servicemen. Approximately 25 members volunteered their time to take turns being present every evening to welcome them. Communion breakfasts were held each Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass. This is an example of what our Brother Knights did when Canada was at war. Members of Council did their part in helping people fighting for freedom and the victims of this long bloody conflict. Thank you to members of Council 2181 for giving me this information on the history of your Council in time of a World

War.

The other Council that sent me information on the significant event was from Council 14596 St. Andrews which every year for the past nine years conduct a toy drive for their community. Christmas is not a good time of the year for everyone. Families struggle to make it, and the pressure of having to find toys for their children at Christmas can be very stressful. The Knights of Columbus Council was asked if they would consider taking this on as other organizations tried but gave it up for a variety of reasons. The Knights of St. Andrews Council decided that they would do this service for their community and more importantly for the children. So for nine years and counting they run this toy drive for 35 – 40 days before Christmas and remain open until Christmas Eve to ensure that every child receives something for Christmas. Their goal is to provide toys to every child between newborn and fifteen years because of family finances distress may not have anything under the tree at Christmas is not acceptable. This toy drive raises over \$34,000 in cash donations, another \$7000 in toy donations. They supply over 433 children (192 families) with toys and other items at Christmas. Besides giving the toys to the needy families they purchase over \$20,000 worth of toys from local merchants which also helps the people in the community. This is an example of group of Knights of Columbus members going above and beyond to help those in need and this truly demonstrates our first principle of Charity. Thank you to the members of Council 14596 for sharing this with me.

These two examples although more than seventy years apart are examples of what the Knights of Columbus has done over the past 100 years. What we are experiencing now someday someone will want to know what the Nova Scotia State Council did during the pandemic of 2020 and what contributions we made to our

fellow man and society during these difficult time. The Knights of Columbus will survive these turbulent times and it is because of our dedicated members who stepped up and demonstrated our Principles through acts of kindness, prayer and dedicated to our Catholic Faith knowing that we will get through this and we will survive.

Since the last convention in Yarmouth this has been a busy year and at times very stressful. Shortly after the Convention and before I went to New Haven the State Secretary notified me that he had to have a heart procedure and that he would not be available until at least October and maybe longer. I sent out an email stating that I was relieving him of his duties. There was negative reaction toward my decision. I had been informed at the State Deputy's meeting by the Supreme Knight that I was the Chief Executive Officer and if there was someone who was not doing what was required then that person could be removed from office. The State Secretary was not doing fulfilling his duties and when he informed me that he would be having to have the procedure I relieved him of his duties, no time frame was set as to when he would return. This was another burden I had to contend with as I was not only the State Deputy but also the State Secretary from the first of June until the December meeting. I was responsible with having to send all of the information to Supreme on the Officers elected and chosen for the various positions, convention delegates, District Deputies and Directors, Membership, Program and Operations. Following my return from New Haven had to start planning for the July Organizational meeting. Thankfully George McCormack PSD stepped up and between he and I were able to put the July Organizational meeting together.

Besides the duties of State Deputy I also had the honour of attending the 100th Anniversary of Sydney Mines Council 2024 in September. The Knights of Columbus Council 2024 were very appreciative that Arlene and I were able to attend this milestone. On February 3rd Arlene and I attended the installation of Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick the new Bishop for the Diocese of Antigonish. At his installation I was able to speak to Bishop Kirkpatrick and pledged our continuing support for his Ministry and also for all of the priests in the Diocese of Antigonish.

On a side note I had invited His Grace to attend the 100th Nova Scotia State Convention as our guest to which he graciously accepted. Hopefully we will be able to have his presence when we have our State Convention whenever we get through this pandemic. The other notable event this fraternal year was the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree was first exemplified in Nova Scotia on Feb.15th 2020. Council 8831 hosted this exemplification where there were thirty-four candidates and over seventy-five observers. I want to thank Grand Knight Sean Hurley for everything you and your Council did for this Degree –Thank You.

As my second year comes to a close I want to thank everyone who has helped me through this year. To the Grand Knights who had confidence in me to elect me as your State Deputy, thank you from the bottom of my heart and hope I did not let you down. You have always been there when called upon. I thank you for dedicated service to the Order which has been exemplary to say the least. I thank the State Executive, these fine Catholic men have continued to support not only me, but every Knight and the Order in the jurisdiction.

In addition I would like to thank each of our State Directors, Larry McCarthy and

George McCormack PSD. After another year of dedicated service these two Brothers continued to be there for me and help me through this year. These two individuals, they have accepted the responsibilities and demonstrated leadership without hesitation or complaint.

I thank all District Deputies, State Appointees, Former and the Current District Master of the Fourth Degree for their service and devotion to the Order. Early in the year I was having a difficult time finding a District Deputy for the Halifax District #6 and I asked a former District Deputy to take on this role. District Deputy Sean Kelly did not hesitate to say yes as he knew I was having a difficult time fulfilling this position. District Deputy Sean, thank you very much for helping me and stepping up to add one more item on your very busy plate. From the bottom of my heart you are a true Brother Knight who put the Order above his personal life, this clearly demonstrates the true meaning of Fraternity. Thank You Sean.

This year marks my fiftieth year as a member of the Knights of Columbus. No one could have imagined what we are presently facing and that the 100th Nova Scotia Convention would be a virtual State Council Meeting whereby everyone would dial in to the meeting and vote to pass minutes, budget, resolutions and elections of officers on their phones. As I mentioned in my report last year that I cannot go anywhere without my phone, I never dreamed that we would be using our phones to do the States and the Order's business on this device. What would the founders of the Order in Nova Scotia say if they knew 100 years ago that the Order would come to this modern technology and that they could have the Convention while they are still in their pj's

Finally and foremost I want to publically thank my wife Arlene for all her Support, words of encouragement, being there when things did not go the way I had hoped and really helped me through this fraternal year and during my term as the State Deputy for the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia
Thank you for everything you do for me, I Love you.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim A. MacDonald

State Deputy