

VICE – PRESIDENT

Annual Report: 2025

of Councils Reporting: 20/27

The R3 to 1, Unity! Task Force was struck in 2025. It is made up of life members in every province who are tasked with assisting parish councils with their questions and concerns, particularly regarding membership.

Has your council been approached by a life member in your area to introduce herself and offer her assistance?

- 80% of all responding councils have been approached by a life member where she offered her assistance to councils.

Have you accepted her offer of assistance?

- Only 16 councils answered this question. Of these 16 councils, 88% or 14 councils reported they accepted the offer of assistance.

In August the national level launched D2L Brightspace, an online learning opportunity for members.

Has your council heard of D2L Brightspace?

- A little less than half, 9 councils or 45% of respondents, reported they had heard of D2L Brightspace, this is out of all 20 councils.

Have any members of your council registered for the online sessions?

- Only 38% registered for any of these online courses. This is out of 8 councils who replied to this question.

If you or your members have used D2L Brightspace, do you feel it will be a good resource for members?

- Only 5 councils responded to this question and 4 said yes.

Does your council use the Welcome Program to promote the League with prospective new members?

- 80% (12 /20 councils) replied yes to this question.

Does your council executive encourage members and prospective members to visit the national website for information and resources as a recruitment tool?

- Again, out of all 20 reporting councils, 80% or 12 councils confirmed that they do.

Name the greatest challenge with membership for your council.

- Changing demographics identified by 6/20 councils (30%)
- Challenges attracting new members reported by 7/20 (35%)
- Lack of willing leaders noted by 3/20 councils (15%). Most members have taken the executive positions several times.
- Difficulty engaging young members identified by 3/20 councils (15%)
- Lack of attendance at meetings reported by 1 council (5%)

Diocesan activities that I have been involved with are as follows:

- Participated in the Antigonish Diocesan Convention/AMM in Antigonish in April 2025.
- Prepared and presented workshop, *Putting the Pillars into Action: Human Trafficking*, at the Fall Conference in Stellarton in October 2025.
- Promoted and monitored the 2024 – 25 diocesan membership drive with a 77-member increase.
- Participated in Mass for Shut- ins.
- Attended the diocesan-provincial retreat in Amherst in September 2025 which was very informative.
- Prepared memos for councils and newsletter articles for the 2025 spring and fall newsletters.
- Regularly viewed the national website as well as other provincial sites.
- Participated in diocesan officers' meetings in Jan, Feb, April, May, Sept, Oct 2025 and diocesan executive meetings in April and October 2025
- Completed 2 D2L courses.
- Presented workshop, *Running Effective Meetings*, for 7 councils and 22 members in the Port Hawkesbury area
- Member of the Resolution Committee and Resolution Review Sub – Committee
- Member of the Antigonish Diocesan Website Committee

Thank you to all councils that submitted annual reports.

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