



“Manitoba News”

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State Deputy's Message

The Lenten season is upon us. For many councils this means spending the next few Fridays putting on fish suppers. For Catholics it means fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Many of us will attend reconciliation services. It could also mean giving up of something pleasurable like desserts, chocolate or special

sweets. This is the season where we try to get ourselves into a better relationship and understanding of God. Knowing that I'm not there myself, I would like to ask one thing. We have to give up something even harder than candy. Let us all work on fixing our relationships with our co-workers, friends, family members, and even other brother Knights. How about giving up some “ego” and admitting that neither of you are always right? There are just so many other things that we should be fighting about like pro-life, or we should be fighting for Catholic faith, or fighting for better care for the poor and elderly of our society.

It takes so much work to hold a grudge against another. Let's pray that we become more faithful Catholics this Lent. I'm ready to give up of a little ego, to help someone who really needs my assistance. Things like Special Olympics, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, or Haiti and now the Japan relief efforts.

Don't forget to offer help to your chaplains and priest, we sometimes take them for granted and only ask things of them when it suits us. Our pride sometimes gets in way when they don't agree with everything we do. Remember he is thinking of the complete parish. We are part of that parish and we are there to assist him.

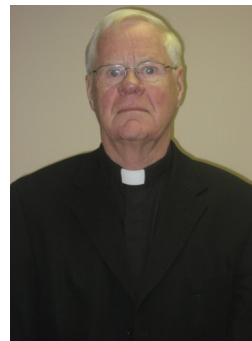
Yes as individuals, we can help with a few things, but as a group of people banded together like Knights of Columbus including men, women, and our children... then that effort is transformed into a huge force for good. That's what we should be showing our priest.

We sometimes forget that we are not only there just to raise money for great projects, but we should be just as excited about bringing our members together for prayer, and Eucharistic adoration during this season.

A wise man once told me, that men join the Knights because of their actions, but they stay as members because of their faith.... Never forget that we are Catholic, first.

The goal of each one of us during this Lenten season should be to become more holy and pleasing to God when we celebrate the great Feast of Easter.So, what are you giving up this Lenten season?

Your brother in Christ with sometimes too much ego,
Guy Precourt, State Deputy



State Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights, as I write this message, we are now in mid-Lent. We all realize that Lent is a time to deepen our Christian faith and to grow in love for God and our neighbor. To do this, the Church in her liturgy puts before us the practices of prayer, penance and almsgiving (good works). The Lenten season is a time to journey with Christ as He carried his

cross to Calvary, preparing ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus on Easter Sunday.

I attended the State Chaplains Seminar in New Haven, Connecticut from March 1-4. This was a first time seminar. About seventy priests attended from Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Poland, Philippines and the Carribean. We concelebrated Mass on March 2 in St. Mary's Church where the Knights of Columbus were founded and where our founder, the Venerable Father McGivney, is entombed.

Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, addressed our group emphasizing the spiritual formation necessary to be a good Knight. H stressed our charitable works should be inspired by our faith and love of God and neighbor. This distinguishes our Order from other fraternal organizations.

Bishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain, spoke about the four principles of the Order: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. He stressed that we receive the grace and strength through the Eucharist to live out these privileges.

It was a very enriching experience for us State Chaplains. Different departments spoke about fraternal activities, financial operations at head quarters and recruitment of new members for our Order.

With my blessing and prayers for a fruitful Lent and a joyous Easter.

Vivat Jesus

Msgr. Louis McCloskey

CONGRATULATIONS!

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother **Kevin Lelievre** from Portage la Prairie Council #4250 as the **Knight of the Month** for April 2011. Submission deadline for Knight of the month for May is April 15, 2011.

Program Director - Karl Moravek

Grand Knights and Program Chairmen

Your councils, individual Brother Knights and Families deserve recognition for their outstanding contributions to our Order, to the Church and the community at large. Each council is invited to submit below the listed awards to the Manitoba State Office.

Service Program Awards

Submit entries for the following categories:

- Church
- Community
- Council
- Family
- Youth

If you are not sure in which category to enter the activity, consult the pamphlet *Surge with Service*. Use only one activity per form. The winning entries will be forwarded to the Supreme Council by Manitoba State Council.

State Council Awards

- Vocation Program
- Membership in a Pro-Life organization
- Pro-Life
- Canadian Wheelchair Foundation
- Blood Donors
- Family of the Year
- Knight of the Year
- Council Albums

Proficiency Awards

- Large Council – over 100 members
- Small Council – less than 100 members

Year Book Contest

Council Year Books must be forwarded to the State Treasurer no later than April 22, 2011.

All entries are judged on several attributes, including originality, effectiveness, publicity and so on. **YOU CAN'T WIN** if you don't enter. Late entries are non-entries. The deadline for submission of all awards, except the Year Book (see above), to the Manitoba State Council is April 7, 2011. Please be clear and concise. Submitting too much or too little makes judging difficult. For more details and instructions refer to the entry forms or contact the writer. Good luck and God's blessing to you all.

Congratulations

The following brother knights have attained 50 years of service 2011:

*Bohdan Jaworski; James Hughes; William Stasiuk;
Rene Lamontagne; Bernard Worrall; Frank Gudz;
Peter Muzyka; Bernard Koley; Robert Fulawka;
Nicholas Kohuch; Frank Tecdza; Anthony Barchuk*

Calendar of Events

- April 9 Fourth Degree Exemplification*
- April 14 Caritas Dinner—Winnipeg Convention Centre*
- April 25 Silver Rose Mass - St. Theresa's Parish*
- April 30 Major ICCD draw - Father Filipow Council #8944*
- May 6-8 Manitoba State Convention (Victoria Inn)*
- May 11 Pro-Life Walk (Forks)*
- May 30 Gospel of Life (St. Boniface Cathedral)*

Manitoba Wheelchair Program - Cuba Wheelchair Presentations



L to R: Ted Sobieski D.D. #18, Larry Kustra IPSD, Merlyn Onyschuk State Secretary uncrate wheelchair at customs in Cuba.



L to R: Larry Kustra IPSD, Merlyn Onyschuk State Secretary, Margaret Kustra, Ted Sobieski D.D.#18 present wheelchair to a resident of Cuba.



Margaret Kustra with a very pleased wheelchair recipient.



Manitoba delegation presents a new flag to members of the Camaguey Council #2478 in Cuba.

March 21– 27, 2011 several representatives from Manitoba KofC presented wheelchairs to the needy in Cuba. Over 100 chairs arrived in Havana by Air France on March 23. Due to the generosity of Knights from other provinces, a second small container of wheelchairs along with the remaining Manitoba bought wheelchairs will be sent to Cuba by ship.

The wheelchair recipients and members of the councils thank all of you for your generosity. Their prayers have been answered and their lives made a little more bearable.

Since last year, Cuba has resurrected a second council. The Manitoba delegation had the opportunity to visit representatives from both Cuban councils. In addition the Manitoba delegation was fortunate to visit a new seminary where 48 seminarians are studying.

Larry Kustra IPSD, Manitoba Wheelchair Program



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

*CARDINAL MCGUIGAN
PROVINCE*

District of Manitoba



It is common knowledge amongst members of the fraternity that the Fourth Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship.

What sometimes is not so apparent are the ways that this promotion takes place. For example, one Manitoba Assembly held a fundraising dinner for Special Olympics. Two other Assemblies organize a fundraising dinner and draw for Catholic education. The Manitoba Assemblies get involved in the spirit of patriotism by sponsoring an ad in the Royal Canadian Legion's Military Service Recognition Book. Every November, members of the Fourth Degree are present at Remembrance Day Services throughout the jurisdiction. This act of patriotism demonstrates a sign of respect for the young Canadians who gave their life so that we can live in a free country. Active Catholic citizenship has recently been demonstrated with the purchase of chalices for the newly opened Seminary in Cuba.

Again, Sir Knights will have a chance to promote involvement in the democratic process. With a Federal election scheduled for May 2nd, all Manitoba Sir Knights should be encouraging active participation in promoting election issues that are in line with our Catholic faith. With only 59% of eligible Canadians casting a vote in the last federal election, the question of voter turnout should be a national concern. Apathy towards our right to vote is not healthy for nation building. We have an obligation to encourage participation by all Canadians.

Members of the Fourth Degree will be present at several events over the next few months. Of course the Major event of the spring is the Fourth Degree Exemplification that will be held at Notre Dame Church in Selkirk on April 9th. This will be followed by the colour guard escorting the dignitaries at the Caritas dinner on April 14th. The Knights in regalia will be present at all the official events surrounding the Manitoba State meeting on May 6th to 8th. Fourth Degree members will then bring visibility and support to the Order by leading the annual pro life walk on May 12th. Following this, the Manitoba Assemblies will be well represented at the annual Gospel of Life ceremony, to be held on May 30th.

The Fourth Degree Assembly in your area is always ready to respond when you require a Colour/Honour guard for any special event that you have in your parish or community.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Girouard, Master

Manitoba State Membership

April 2011 update

Congratulations to Councils making membership quotas to date:

Double Star Council

St. John Brebeuf Council #1107
Bishop de Mazenod Council #11115

Star Council

St. Emile Council # 8221 (short just 1 member to Double Star)
Deloraine Council #6647 (short just 3 members to Double Star)
Holy Redeemer Council #7972 (short just 3 members to Double Star)
Father Allan Hall Council #8604 (short just 1 member to Double Star)
Archbishop Sinnott Council #9036 (short just 4 members to Double Star)
St. Gianna Council #14199 (short just 3 members to Double Star)

Councils getting needing just a few new members to get Star Council: (In no order)

Our Lady of the Prairie Council #5264 – needing 6
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council #5808 – needing 7
St. Hedwig's Council #14811 – needing 2
Steinbach Council #7253 – needing 2
LaSalle Council #7793 – needing 1
Norwood Council #3538 – needing 4
Christ the King Council #8124 – needing 4
Archbishop Romero Council #14734 – needing 2
Holy Eucharist Council #11330 – needing 3
St. Josaphat Council #4138 – needing 3
Bishop Budka #6886 – needing 2
Father Filipow Council #8944 – needing 3

St. Anne Council #10551 – needing 4
Beausejour Council #5870 – needing 3
Charleswood Council #7523 – needing 1
Selkirk Council #6150 – needing 4
Stonewall Council #8894 – needing 2
Fr. Shyshkovich Council #8925 – needing 2
St. Theresa Council #9425 – needing 3
Fr. A&J Kulawy Council #9790 – needing 4
St. Edward Council #11005 – needing 1
Blessed Sacrament Council #13185 – needing 1
Bishop Ladyka Council #9020 – needing 1

Thank-you brothers for a job well done to date, and hoping you are thinking of 2011 Star Council Awards .

Walk For Life



Date: May 11

Place: Forks

Time: 6:00 pm

Everyone is welcome!



Silver Rose Mass

Date: May 17

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St. Theresa's Parish
3597 Main Street
West St. Paul