



“Manitoba News”

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State Deputy's Message

I hope that you all had a Blessed Christmas and a Joyful New Year. By the time you read this message January will be over. The scary part is we are 7 months into our Columbian year and we are less than one third of our membership goal. We have a mission to accomplish and that is:

To our founder, our venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and that is to fulfill his mission to protect our families, in particular our widows and orphans. Our Insurance agency is doing a tremendous job of fulfilling that obligation. Let us as Knights continue to make our order proud by continuing to fulfill that mission.....one member per council per month. That is all it takes.

The other mission is to our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. That every eligible Catholic gentleman is given the opportunity to join our great Order, the Knights of Columbus. If we are going to be the strong right arm of the church we need to be the centre of the year of faith and the new evangelization.

Lastly and most importantly fulfill the mission of our past and present Popes: Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict the XVI which is to Evangelize. That means to bring new members into our order so that we can continue to carry out the mission of our church. The laity has a great role to carry out, and that is to help and assist the Parish Priest, the church and the community. The church needs us more than ever as we go forward in this century. Councils must be the centre of charitable and spiritual activities at all times.

Charity in the sense of giving, giving of ourselves. The Knights certainly know how to do that and do it well. If you have as councils completed your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity # 1728 then you are quite familiar how we make that difference.

70 Million Hour of Volunteer Service worldwide.
\$154 Million in Charitable Contributions.
428,457 Blood Donors
More than \$1.4 Billion in Charitable Contributions in the last 10 years

If you have not filled out your survey then those figures are not accurate, so let us make the difference. Do not forget the ICCD contributing hours as well.

Fill out those forms and do not forget the Food for Families, do not let them STARVE.

Let us continue to support the following.

- Wheelchair program
- Lady of Guadalupe- as we bring the Icon to all our councils in Manitoba
- Coats for Kids
- Basketball Free Throw
- Hockey Shootout (just curious how many have taken part)
- Youth, Squires
- Prolife support
- Blood Donor, do not forget to mention Knights of Columbus
- Recognizing the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month
- Evangelizing ... bringing new members into our order... some serious encouragement required to reach your council goals, some councils show zero and others are negative... did I say negative.....yes I did say negative..... that must be disturbing , never too late to change that status.
- Degree teams. Now that the 1st degree can be read we should be conducting our own degree in every council. You will be very proud of your accomplishment when you do one! District deputies, please assist your councils in this endeavour.

We just had our ICCD Early Bird Draw and that was very inspiring . First to our ICCD Chair couple Claude and Lorraine thank you for all the work that you do and will do for us.

To all our Councils for their contribution of their volunteer hours and their ongoing support for our ICCD ticket sales, much appreciated! Certainly adds to our Fraternal Survey Report.

To our degree teams this past weekend who did the initiations of our new members as well as our 2nd and 3rd degree initiations and to our Ceremonial Chairman and his team for a job well done. To all the newly initiated members, welcome to our order. Glad to have you onboard!!

To St. Emile Council, Council Chaplain Father Carl, Grand Knight Bob Toutant, Gil Dupuis , Larry Kustra and all their council members thank you for hosting those 2 events.

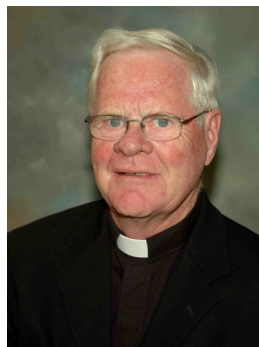
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State Deputy message continued....

To Paul Dupre State Secretary, thank you for the all the photo copying and mail for this month.
To all our Knights and your families, God Bless you in all that you do and will do!

Vivat Jesus
Merlyn Onyschuk

State Chaplain's Message



In my first message to you this year, I want to wish you, your wives and families, a blessed and happy New Year.

When you read the Columbia magazine you are made aware of the main objectives of the Knights of Columbus. Both our Supreme Knight and our Supreme Chaplain emphasize recruitment and

retention of members, the promotion of spiritual formation of our members, and charitable works.

Pope Benedict has called for a Year of Faith starting this coming October. It is part of the New Evangelization. We live in a very secular society in the developed world where faith values are often ignored or overlooked. In countries which have been Catholic for centuries, there is a growing indifference to the practice of the Catholic faith: Africa, Asia and Latin America are experiencing growth and many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Many priests in Canada are coming from these countries to minister to our people.

The Knights of Columbus are often described as the Right Arm of the Church. You will be hearing more how you can participate in the Year of Faith. Definitely it will be centered first of all on our families.

I welcome our new Knights and our new Sir Knights. May God bless you and the activities of your councils.

Vivat Jesus!
Msgr. Louis McCloskey
State Chaplain

Congratulations!

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother **Stanley Holyk** from St. Anne Council #10551 as the **Knight of the Month** for February, 2012. Submission deadline for Knight of the month for March is February 15, 2012.

Calendar of Events..

Degrees:

February 18
Our Lady of the Prairie Council #5264
85 Kirkbridge Dr.
8:30 am first degree registration
10:30 am major degree registration

March 17
Beausejour Council #5870
8:30 am first degree registration
10:30 am major degree registration

March 24
Ste. Anne Council #4819
8:30 am first degree registration
10:30 am major degree registration

April 14
Fourth Degree Exemplification
St. Gerard School

April 21
Brandon Council #1435
8:30 am first degree registration
10:30 am major degree registration

Other:

March 10 - basketball free throw—Holy Cross School
(9:00 am)
April 24 – Caritas - Winnipeg Convention Centre

Membership is the life-blood of the council.

Congratulations to the following councils on their membership efforts to date:

Blessed John Paul 11....266%
St. Emile.....175%
Bishop Grandin.....100%
St. Edward.....100%

Remember each member of the Knights of Columbus is responsible for recruitment. Do your part, ask someone to join. Give him an experience of a lifetime.

Larry Kustra PSD, Membership Director



Pray for us O Holy Mother of God!