



# “Manitoba News”

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## State Deputy's Message

Our beautiful holidays are now behind us. We are now looking at a few months of winter to get through. Most of us, I am sure, have already broken or failed to live up to those New Year's resolutions that we made!

Once again, the Knights of Columbus is here to offer us a way to have a meaningful winter. A way to stay active in our parishes and communities and with our families – even though the wintery conditions are telling us to slow down and to hibernate until spring.

Don't let it happen! Resist the “pull off the couch!” Let's vow to re-energize ourselves despite the cold weather! Let's get active; get involved with council happenings and with the many programs that we have in the works between now and the end of the fraternal year.

All Grand Knights recently received information on new programs that we hope councils will get involved in. Like: Food for Families, Coats for Kids, and our newest program the Hockey Shoot-Out.

Our District Deputies are now primed to go, as a result of their mid-year meeting in early December. They are ready to help you achieve your council goals.

During our recent meeting, the District Deputies received instructions on searching the State and Supreme websites, on filing reports on-line, and on basic responsibilities and duties of their position. They participated in serious discussions about membership growth in their areas. I know they will pass on this information to you at your next district meetings.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, we had a very successful Major Degree hosted by Bishop Ladyka Council #9020 and District Deputy #11, Msgr Michael Buyachok. I would like to thank them and all councils who brought new members into our order.

We should never forget the great work the Major Degree Team does all year long for us. Our founder Fr. McGivney would be proud of the great work.

Please continue the local work you started this year and say “YES” to increasing your membership efforts. Be positive and schedule more First Degrees at your monthly meetings. This will keep you in step to reach your recruitment goals this year.

I would like to send my Best Wishes to all members in 2011.

Guy Precourt - State Deputy

## State Chaplain's Message

Happy New Year to all our knights, their wives and families - may it be a time of peace, happiness and growth in faith, hope and love.

I remember my pastor in my native parish preaching on the last Sunday of the year “Behold, short years pass by quickly, and I am walking on a road by which I shall not return.” There is much wisdom in this saying. Each year is another opportunity given to us by God to live a better life and to serve more generously our God and neighbor.

New Year's Day is designated by the Holy Father as a world day of prayer for peace. Of course, we should pray for peace in our world every day. Among Jesus' last words to his apostles were: “I leave you peace, my peace I give you.” When Jesus the Lord appeared to the apostles on the first Easter Sunday evening, He greeted them with the words “Peace be with you.”

Peace begins in our hearts and souls – peace between our-selves and God, peace with one another. Because of greed, pride and prejudices, peace is often absent in our world. This leads to conflicts and wars wherein many innocent people suffer greatly. Let us continue to pray for peace in our families, in our communities and in our world.

Beginning a new year, we think of New Year's resolutions. As a knight, a good resolution would be to bring another Catholic man into the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. We know from experience that is a great opportunity for one to grow in faith, to be an example to his family and an asset to his parish.

Another resolution is to pray often for your priests that they may grow in holiness and dedication. The publicity of the past years has been demoralizing for the clergy.

A New Year's Blessing from the first Scripture ready of January 1<sup>st</sup> mass:

“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine  
upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance  
upon you, and give you peace.”

With my blessing, prayers and best wishes for 2011.

Vivat Jesus!

Msgr. Louis J. McCloskey - State Chaplain

## Manitoba Wheelchair Program



This wheelchair was brought up along with the mass offerings in Cuba , March, 2010.

This year, please join the many other councils who are doing a project for the Wheelchair Program.

There are still dates available for me to do a presentation at your council's function. Please call (253-9644).

Larry Kustra IPSD - Manitoba Wheelchair Program

## Calendar of Events

Jan. 1 *New Year's Lieutenant Governor's Levee - Legislative Building*

Jan. 22 *Early Bird ICCD draw - St. Eugene Council #6948*

March 4-6 *Manitoba State Curling bonspiel - Heather C. C.*

March 12 *Manitoba State Free Throw - Holy Cross School*

April 9 *Fourth Degree Exemplification*

April 30 *Major ICCD draw - Father Filipow Council #8944*

May 6-8 *Manitoba State Convention - Victoria Inn*

May 12 *Pro-Life Walk*

May 30 *Mass for the Unborn*

## GRAND KNIGHTS FORM #1728 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY .

### It's time!

Grand Knights, it is time to put together the reports for your council's outstanding service programs. The forms will be sent to you in January. Reports for the following programs will be sent to you: council, youth, family, church, community, pro-life, blood donor , Wheelchair, Family of the Year and Knight of the Year. We would like to have your council's program recognized.

### Manitoba State Council Bursary

Do you know someone who could use a \$1000.00 bursary? If you do, please check the Manitoba State website: [www.manitobastatecouncil.ca](http://www.manitobastatecouncil.ca) for the application form.

### Why Have Knights of Columbus Insurance?

Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future. Contact your field agent soon.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother Bob Whitechurch from Whitehorse Plains Council #8566 as the **Knight of the Month** for January, 2011. *Grand Knights note that the submission deadline for Knight of the month for January is January 15, 2011. Check the website for guidelines for choosing your Knight of the month.*

### Membership Contest Winners

#### Top Three District Deputies:

(no particular order)  
Sergio Relucio  
Dwayne Marling  
Michael McDougall

#### Top two councils to date:

Bishop de Mazonod #11115  
St. Emile #8221

A signed copy of Carl Anderson's latest book will be available for the winners at the state office in January.