



MANITOBA NEWS

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State Deputy's Message Karl Brosch

We have less than 1 month remaining in this Columbian year, I would encourage all councils to continue their recruiting efforts through to the end of the Columbian year. There is still a lot of work to do! We need to recruit only 35 new members before June 30 to make our modest goal of 75% of our membership quota. Let's keep going strong and finish this year better than last year.

I also want to remind everyone of the upcoming Supreme Webinar. Learn how to propel your council forward using S.M.A.R.T. Goals in council planning in this fraternal training webinar, which will be conducted LIVE on Saturday, June 3 at 2 p.m. Eastern time. Go to the Supreme website for further information.

I also want to remind councils to get all the necessary paperwork done to qualify for the various Supreme Awards. Most councils have a very active schedule of programs, therefore you only need to fill out the SP7 (Columbian Award) form to qualify for this award. The form is available on our website for your use.

We have many councils that are very close to qualifying for Star Council status. Make sure that all your paperwork is done and that you have reached your quotas for membership and insurance. If you need some help, please call the State Office to arrange for one of the State Officers to contact you. Once again this year, Supreme is offering a \$4.50 rebate per billable member on the council's per capita bill next year. This can be a substantial amount for many councils! But you have to make

your quotas and have all your paperwork in! You CAN do it!

To all the Brother Knights and families of the various councils and events that my wife Susan and I attended, we thank you sincerely for your friendship and hospitality during these past two years as your State Deputy. Your friendship will be cherished for years to come.

May the Good Lord continue to bless you and your families for all that you do for our church, our communities and the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus



State Chaplain's Message Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski

Dear Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus! Слава Ісусу Христу! Vive Jésus!

Can you believe it? Summer is here again and we are already moving into June. My personal experience as of late tells me that if we're not vigilant it will be autumn before we know it and we will be wondering where the days went!? Well, contrary to the old idiom, time will fly by whether or not you're "having fun". The passing of time is inevitable and it is as much part of life as death itself. What disheartens us about time spent is not so much that it is gone never to return, but that we may not have used that time to the full! If we squander time we miss a myriad of opportunities to accomplish good things.

I wouldn't say that we should limit list of ways by which time is "well spent" to hard labour or working toward some distant goal for God and country. No, of course we can and should use our time also for rest, recreation, travel and wondering at the beauty of the world and the joy of our family and friends. We should stop and "smell the roses". That's why our loving God gave them to us along with other inspiring aspects of creation. Yet we also want to make our contribution toward the building up of the Church and the betterment of society.

Summer gives us (relatively) good weather that is conducive to getting outside and planting and growing and walking. It is a time when it is easier to get around to visit brothers and sisters – by blood or in faith (or simply by God's creation). Its not cold. We don't have to trudge through snow. We can visit relatives, family and friends – not only those that can show us a good time, but those that could really use a visit from us. Within our order itself: there are Brothers in need. There are widows and children (like at the founding of the Knights). There are elderly and infirm and depressed that really need a loving hand (... at this critical time - like never before in the history of our country!). There is much that we can do and will do if we support and encourage and join with each other to succeed.

This month we come to another important Marian date on June 13th as we continue the celebration of the centenary of the Fatima apparitions. It was on that day in 1917 that Mary appeared a second time to the three shepherd children (two of whom were declared saints by Pope Francis just last month). It was at this encounter that she gave us the now universally used "Fatima prayer", «O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy». It was then that the Mother of our Lord also promised to accompany us and comfort us through life, not unlike her Son who promised to be with His Church until the end of the world (Matthew 28:20).

We Have some special events... there is the annual **International Peace Garden Field Mass** at the US/Canada border... there is the **Supreme Convention** in St. Louis... there are **degree exemplifications** and **pilgrimages** and council **anniversaries**. Brothers, there is a lot in which we can and must get involved to make the events the successes that they deserve to be. The world has become a bit lethargic around us and even a bit

apathetic. We can lead the way by revitalizing events by participating and supporting and getting others to do the same. We can contribute so much to the revitalization of our Church and Catholic charitable work by not slipping into the "let someone else do it" mentality, but by asking the Lord for the enthusiasm that my council needs and that I need in this time. We will be amazed a what we will be able to do. Time is passing and it will not return. But is we squander that time we will lose opportunities forever. The ancient Roman poet Virgil put it quite starkly when he spoke words that will have a special ring for Knights who remember their journey thus far. He said, "**Tempus irreparabile fugit**". It means more than simply time "flows away" or "escapes". It stresses that time passes irrevocably... permanently. We have been given time! Glory to God. We have been given a limited amount of time! Let us use it to the full, while we still have it!

God bless the Knights of Columbus!

Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski,
State Chaplain



"Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit." Pope Francis

During the summer months it is especially important to call 204-663-8022 to ensure that someone is at the state office.



Karel Moravek

District Master

With the current Fraternal Year coming to end, we are looking forward with expectations for the upcoming year 2017- 2018. We have well established activities, but we are looking for new ideas for enhancement of our programs. The newly exemplified Sir Knights have to be guided towards full participation in their individual Assembly's matters. All existing members need to be asked to get fully involved as well. Properly selected programs will generate more interest among membership. We all have the same basic objectives. As Catholic men, we strive to imitate our Lord, Jesus Christ. As patriots, we need to show love for our country. We should adjust our endeavours to reflect these.

In the last year, we were unsuccessful to strengthen our Assemblies by a sufficient number of new members. Even though our quota was reduced to 7%, we came not even near to that target. We must put all our resources in place to change the membership-declining trend. Let us take this to heart, fulfill our responsibility, and bring new members into our ranks in the next Columbian Year! Remember, the New Year commences on July 1 on the day of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Canada's Confederation. Sir Knights, add the recruitment initiative to our patriotic projects.

The other way to celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of Canada is to participate in the formation of a Living Flag. This will be created on July 1, in the heart of our city at Portage and Main. We will provide, free of charge, white and red t-shirts with the Fourth Degree logo to all Knights. Be a Patriot, come, and join us in this celebration to assemble the largest living flag in our country.

On behalf of the Manitoba District, I wish to give my congratulations to the newly elected Manitoba State Deputy Dan Shepherd and to all other State Officers. I trust that the excellent cooperation between Manitoba State and Manitoba District will continue in the upcoming year. I also wish to congratulate all Faithful Navigators and executive officers on their election or re-election and am looking forward for another successful year with you.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless



You must fulfill all the requirements and fill out the SP7 form to become eligible for the above award. Along with the plaque, the council will receive \$4.50 for each billable member in the council from Supreme.

Make sure that your council is a Star Council.

“All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness. The important thing is they should be part of our daily lives.”

Dalai Lama



Knights of Columbus Knights on Bikes



L to R: Bro. Karl Brosch, Bro. Gerry Chaput, Bro. Corey Bossuyt and Fr. Darren Kawiuk giving the blessing to the riders.

Knights on Bikes visited Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Parish on May 14th and were warmly greeted by the parishioners. There were many great questions about **Knights on Bikes** and our Motorcycle Ministry. After the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Darren Kawiuk and the parishioners came outside where Fr. Darren blessed the bikes and the riders asking for their protection and safety for the coming riding season. Coffee and donuts were shared afterwards in the church auditorium. Anyone wanting more information about **Knights on Bikes** and/or would like us to visit your parish, please contact Brother Gerry Chaput, K. on B. Manitoba President at shotput03@gmail.com.

Have you sent in your 2017-2018 Roster Form to Manitoba State?

September City-Wide Members "Training Day"

Location: St. Vital Parish / St. Maurice School 1629 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg, MB

Cost: To cover gift of money for use of Church & School. **\$15.00 per member**, or 6 members of council for \$75.00.

Pre registration deadline: Before September 14th @ 4:30PM at the State Office.

Who's should attend: Council Executive members, or member wanting to know more about becoming an Executive Member.

Morning coffee will be provided.

Council Check-in: Sept 23rd 8:00 AM

Training Starts: 8:30 AM break for lunch, the day will end at 4: PM, so you may attend mass.

The day will cover multiple subjects from a variety of presenters

Training including: Better Communications, Program Development, F.S. training, Public Relations, plus more.

This will be the best "Full Day Training" made available in the Winnipeg area this coming year.

Please Note: For those working on Saturday

There will be an available **1/2 day training on Sunday, September 24th** from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM for those who are working and can't attend on Saturday at a cost of \$10.00 each.

Check-in: 12:30 PM same location. St. Vital Parish - Winnipeg, MB

Saturday lunch options: Bring your own bag lunch or Lunch purchase from School Cafeteria @ low cost.

Space will be limited:

This will be first come, first serve. As there will be limited Classroom size available.

We may ever have a Special Guest from Supreme to attend our Training Day in September to see how we do things here.

Have a great Members Training Day "Boot camp"

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Manitoba State Golf Tournament

August 23, 2017

Kingswood Golf and Country Club

Hosted by: St. Gianna's Councils 14199

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