



“Manitoba News”

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State Deputy's Message

With only four months left in this fraternal year, we need to take the time to review what we have accomplished this year. Have we supported our pastor and church, provided aid to our communities, assisted and provided guidance for our youth, provided for our families and assisted with our council activities?

Have we done all that we could do?

You still have time in this fraternal year to make this a successful year for your council. You could assist your church at mass, or help with parish repairs and maintenance or provide help to our communities by feeding the poor or offering transportation for the sick and elderly. How about helping our local youth groups with their spring activities or offering your guidance. We could start planning those spring council family picnic outings. You might also help your neighbour with flood protection during this coming spring season.

But whatever is to come, we will always need new members to help with this important work. You still have time to recruit those candidates to make your Star or Double Star Council goals. It might be just having an extra set of hands needed to run your local important programs. It might surprise you to learn that many catholic men sitting right in your parishes every single Sunday at mass have never been ask to join, and that our nearly 8000 members of the Knights of Columbus only make-up 6.5% of all catholic men in Manitoba.

As Knights of Columbus, we must continue to be strong and powerful leaders in our communities. We need to have our voices be heard on the many issues that face our Catholic church and our faith today. Abortion, cloning and the embryo are just a few of the issues that we need to express our belief.

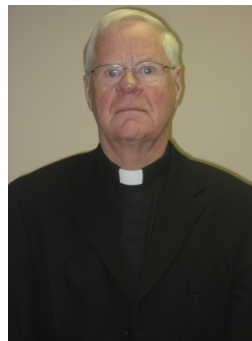
If we stand together as Catholics, we can be a powerful force within our province and our action will prove to everyone that we live in a great country.

Your brother in Christ,
Guy Precourt, State Deputy

The Manitoba State convention is just around the corner..... May 6-8.

Has your council put together the reports for those excellent programs that the members participated in??

The reports are due April 7.



State Chaplain's Message

After a busy month in St. Agnes Parish in Thunder Bay, I am back replacing in Winnipeg parishes and to my other assignments. It was a busy time at St. Agnes with six funerals in three weeks, four Masses on the weekends, trips to hospitals, care homes etc. I enjoyed it but it is good to be back home.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is holding a seminar in New Haven, Connecticut for all state chaplains from March 1-4. I will be attending. I should come back with some new ideas and new enthusiasm.

We are well into our Columbian Year. Please make an effort to attend the general meetings of our councils when possible.

Lately, at our Sunday Masses, we have been hearing in the gospel readings parts of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus appeals to us to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, to be a people of forgiveness. You as Knights of Columbus are in a good position to be a light to the world and to add something good to our world and society.

With my prayers and best wishes.

Vivat Jesus!

Msgr. Louis McCloskey
State Chaplain

CONGRATULATIONS!

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother **Matheu Singarajah** from Our Lady of the Prairie Council #5264 as the **Knight of the Month** for March, 2011. *Grand Knights note that the submission deadline for Knight of the month for April is March 15, 2011. Check the website for guidelines for choosing your Knight of the month.*

Silver Rose Program

Brother Knights



The Silver Rose Run began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honour the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This project was headed by Miguel Martinez Estrada, Grand Knight Andreas Saucedo and Fray Margil De Jesus from Council #2312 in Monterrey, Mexico. The Rose was sent to London, Ontario where it began to move south into the states, all the way back to Mexico. This first rose was a natural rose so after the run was over, it began to decay. So the Squires asked Brother Miguel to make a silver rose so they could continue the run from year to year.

Since then 2 other silver roses have been created. Last year the Manitoba Knights of Columbus had the great honour of being the first jurisdiction to run the 3rd Silver Rose, and we have been selected to start its journey again this year. We plan on starting the run at the Manitoba/Ontario border on April 25th and we will reach the Manitoba/Saskatchewan border on May 23rd.

Like last year, each council/circle signed up will run or walk 25km with the Rose. Councils/Circles will also be asked to hold a special mass in their parishes the day they have the Rose. We believe this will be a great way to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Manitoba State Board has planned a Special Silver Rose Mass to kick off the Run. **The tentative date of the mass is April 17th in the evening.** More information on this will be in the next newsletter.

If you would like more information or would like to express your interest in signing up please email matthew_lagace@hotmail.com

Vivat Jesus!

Matthew Lagacé
State Silver Rose Chairman—Manitoba



**Basketball Free Throw
State Competition
March 12, 2011
Holy Cross School
290 Debut St. (St. Boniface)
9:00 registration**

Calendar of Events

March 12 Manitoba State Free Throw - Holy Cross School

April 9 Fourth Degree Exemplification

April 14 Caritas Dinner—Winnipeg Convention Centre

April 30 Major ICCD draw - Father Filipow Council #8944

May 6-8 Manitoba State Convention - Victoria Inn

May 12 Pro-Life Walk

May 17 Silver Rose Mass

May 30 Gospel of Life

Manitoba Wheelchair Program



Wheelchairs will be presented in Cuba on March 23, 2011.

Congratulations to all councils that have participated to date in this Manitoba State program. Recently, I was informed that Knights of Columbus in Manitoba have raised over \$100,000 in the past three years for this cause. That is excellent!

It is not too late for your council do a project for this program. Please make the cheques out to Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and send to the Manitoba State office or go on line to www.canadianwheelchairfoundation.ca and follow the directions for donations.

I thank you for your participation in this program both individually and as a council. I look forward to reading your council's Manitoba Wheelchair Program reports.

Larry Kustra IPSD
Chairman, Manitoba Wheelchair Program



Congratulations

Former State Chaplain

*Father Raphael
Glofcheski*

who is turning 80
on March 2.

May God bless you
on your birthday!
Praying that your
day is as special as
you are.

From all your brothers
in Christ.

St. Benedict's Conference and Retreat Centre



The Knights of Columbus in Manitoba have donated over \$21,000 towards the refurbishment project at St. Benedict's Centre. There is still time for your council to get involved with this project.

Let's see if we can reach our goal for the year.

Coats for Kids Program



One of the many children that received a new warm winter coat from the Knights of Columbus in Manitoba.



Rossbrook House

Lent



Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles. (See *The Apostolic Constitutions*, Book V, Section III.)

Know your Faith

Supreme Council has many books / pamphlets which are available at a nominal cost to members. You only have to pay for the shipping. Please check the supreme website.

Community Director

Community can be described as “*the place where we live*”; or, “*the people around us*”. As Knights, our role includes being constantly aware of our surroundings, and the continuous need to be involved. Volunteering at community clubs, coaching teams, visiting the elderly and infirmed, and helping those with special needs are only a few examples of our community’s needs. Some of Manitoba State’s ongoing community programs include: Special Olympics, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Walk, and Pro Life; while other common community programs are: blood donor clinics, Coats for Kids, and local food banks. Look for something that’s needed and workable in your community – fight poverty, aid individuals with intellectual disabilities, plant a tree, sponsor a blood pressure screening, support law enforcement, campaign for every baby’s right for life. It is through your words and actions within the community that the Knights of Columbus are recognized for their services.

There are many resources and ideas available through the internet – as well as your monthly publications of *KNIGHTLINE* and *COLUMBIA*. Please remember that **Service Program Award entry forms are due at Manitoba State Council on or before April 7, 2011.**

I welcome your request for assistance with community programs. Please contact me with your questions, or for any additional information. I look forward to the continued growth and success of all Councils!

Rodney Chartrand, Community Director

Congratulations

The following brother knights have attained 50 years of service January - February (2011).

*Lionel Dupuis
Joseph Maleski
Norbert Toupin
Ronald Theoret
Joseph Lagace
William Dion
Rene Berthelette
Armand Proteau*

Recently, I was struck with awe with the number billboards in the state of Minnesota that promoted life.

Maybe your council could support such a billboard.....

The Walk for Life is scheduled for May. Will your council participate? Will you??



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

*CARDINAL MCGUIGAN
PROVINCE*

District of Manitoba



Members of the Knights of Columbus sometimes ask, “Is a 4th Degree member of higher stature in the organization than a 3rd Degree member?” The answer is NO. “The third degree is the highest degree a Knights of Columbus member can obtain.” The fourth degree is a separate honor and is not higher than the third degree. A member must be a third degree Knight before becoming a fourth degree member. Members of this degree are addressed as “Sir Knight”. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fewer than 18% of Knights join the Fourth Degree, which is optional. A Knight is eligible to join the Fourth Degree after six months from the date of his First Degree, providing he has completed the 2nd and 3rd degrees beforehand.

Members of the Fourth Degree are acquired from several area Councils to form an Assembly. In Manitoba, the 13 Fourth Degree Assemblies obtain their members from the 100 Councils of the Knights of Columbus. A Fourth Degree member must maintain his membership status and be in good standing with his Council to remain a member of the Fourth Degree. Only Fourth Degree Knights may optionally purchase the full regalia and join the Assembly’s Color Corps. The Color Corps is the most visible arm of the Knights, as they are often seen in parades and other local events wearing their colorful regalia. Official dress for the Color Corps is a black tuxedo, baldric, white gloves, cape and naval chapeau. The Canadian baldric is white and red to represent our national colours.

The Assemblies are distinct from councils, and are led by a separate set of elected officers. The Supreme Board of Directors appoints a Supreme Master, currently Dennis Stoddard of Florida, and twenty Vice Supreme Masters to govern the Fourth Degree. Each Vice Supreme Master oversees a Province, which is subdivided into Districts. The Vice Supreme Master who oversees the Manitoba District is Natale Gallo of Ancaster, Ontario. The Supreme Master appoints District Masters to supervise several assemblies. The Manitoba Fourth Degree members belong to Cardinal McGuigan Province which is made up of 8 Ontario Districts and the Manitoba District.

If any qualified member of the Order is ready for the challenge of Fourth Degree membership, now is the time. You can obtain an application (Form 4) from your Grand Knight in order to be considered for this year’s Fourth Degree Exemplification. The Exemplification will be held in Notre Dame Church, Selkirk, MB on Saturday, April 9th, 2011.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Girouard - Master

**Talk about Patriotism....
Have you seen the new fourth degree pins?**