



“Manitoba News”

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State Deputy's Message

Where has the time gone?
Two years have just come and gone.
And this month you will be electing
a new State Deputy at this State Con-
vention. It has been a pleasure to
serve all of you in this great order of
the Knights of Columbus.

There were many highlights
as I visited your local council events

through-out the province. My goal was to raise the profile of the Knights over my term while trying to bring some new ideas in re-amping several of the programs and seminars.

It was an honor to represent you at many Supreme events, and to host last year's Culture of Life event for our Deputy Supreme Knight, and this year's new Coats for Kid's program which were both very successful.

We worked hard to try to improve our Manitoba State web-site while trying to eliminate extra paperwork and handouts to control office cost. These efforts could not have been accomplished by one person alone, and special thanks are offered to the State board who all contributed to its great success.

Thank-you for all council efforts in membership growth this year, but we still have two month left in this fraternal year and many councils have the chance to reach "Star Council", or better yet "Double Star Council" status.

Let's write a new page of history in Manitoba to have the most "Star Councils" ever in one year and reach 8000 members. This has been a personal goal of mind to put Manitoba on the map and to reach this new level of achievement.

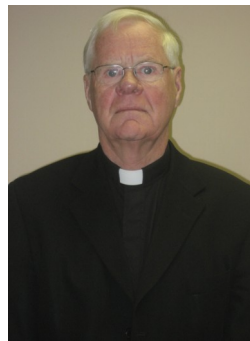
In closing, Cathy and I would like to thank all brothers and families who made us feel so welcome in your local councils over my term as State Deputy. I'm proud to call this my home province, and to call you true brothers and life-long friends.

Vivat Jesus

Guy Precourt, State Deputy



Thank you for the winter coats from the staff and children at Rossbrook House.



State Chaplain's Message

A happy and blessed Easter to you, your wives and families! Easter is the greatest feast in our Church year. The resurrection of Jesus from the tomb was the crowning act of our redemption. We use the words "Paschal Mystery" often in speaking about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus by dying on the cross atoned for all sins of all people. By rising

from the dead, Jesus overcame death for all of us.

The death of Jesus was a supreme act of love for us. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead proved to His disciples that He is divine as well as human. St. Paul wrote "if Jesus had not risen from the dead, all my preaching would be in vain."

At our baptism we became sharers in the death and resurrection of Jesus - the Paschal Mystery. We were called to die to sin and to live the new life of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter is not a one day celebration. We celebrate the Easter season for forty days. In the early Church, the Christians considered every Sunday a little Easter as they gathered to worship, to hear the Word of God and to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus.

At the upcoming Manitoba State Annual Convention, we will hear accounts of this past year's Columbian activities. It will be a time for all of our officers to renew their commitments and to bring back to their councils a renewed enthusiasm to serve God, the Church, our communities and the needy in our world.

The Knights of Columbus have been labeled "the right arm of the Church" supporting and living out Christian values and the Church's apostolate in the world.

May this Easter season be for all of us a time to renew our faith in Jesus and to rededicate ourselves in this service.

God bless you.

Vivat Jesus

Msgr. Louis McCloskey - State Chaplain

CONGRATULATIONS!

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother **Corey Bossuyt** from Our Lady of the Prairie Council #5264 as the **Knight of the Month** for May 2011. Submission deadline for Knight of the month for June is May 15, 2011.

Manitoba Wheelchair Program

Cuba Wheelchair Presentations



Approximately, 200 Cubans greeted the Manitoba delegation in Havana, Cuba. They gave the delegation a standing ovation and thanked Manitoba Knights for the donation of wheelchairs.



Immediate Past State Deputy with last year's recipient of a wheelchair.

Below: IPSD Larry Kustra and State Secretary, Merlyn Onyschuk deliver a wheelchair.



Calendar of Events

May 11 Pro-Life Walk (Forks) 6:00 pm

May 30 Gospel of Life (St. Boniface Cathedral) 6:45 pm

July 10 International Peace Garden Field Mass 11:45 am

Congratulations

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

Benoit Souyri, Ernest Labelle, James Gaynor

And congratulations to:

Worthy Master, Sir Knight Robert and Denise Girouard

Supreme Family Award recipient for February 2011.



Thank you Manitoba Knights!



Walk For Life

Date: May 11

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Forks (Junction of Red & Assiniboine Rivers)

Please promote in your parishes and councils.

Open to everyone!



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.

I experienced it again last night! I was watching the Vancouver/Chicago hockey game in which a Canadian team was involved in its quest for the Stanley cup. **“O Canada! Our home and native land!”** The tension in the United Centre could be cut with a knife as the rich sound of this powerful pipe organ permeates my living room. As the organist, Frank Pellico, continued **“True patriot love...”** everyone stood at attention. This proud feeling of being a citizen of the best country in the world came over me. At this moment, my patriotic being has totally engulfed me. What a unique situation we are in. As members of the Knights of Columbus and especially the Fourth degree, we are on the front line of fulfilling the message of the national anthem. As the last notes of the anthem vibrated the woofers in my sound system; **“O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,”** I had this thought. *Are we doing enough to live and exhibit our pride of country?*

We can now add 30 newly exemplified Sir Knights to our ranks. This transformation occurred on April 9th in Notre Dame Church in Selkirk. What a wonderful occasion to celebrate the fact that 30 Manitoba men are ready to spend the rest of their lives by living and promoting all events that make them proud to be living in such a great country. What is exceptionally reason to celebrate is the fact that these men and their families do this while upholding our Catholic values. As a statement that we are on the right track, another priest joined our ranks on that day. I know for a fact that in my Assembly, the clergy comprise over 10% of the membership. What strong affirmation and backing for our mission. Congratulations Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree.

I will mention a couple of opportunities where you can express your patriotism and show support for the church. The Knights of Columbus of Manitoba and their families can join us for the **March for Life** on May 11th. We should not be afraid to show the world that we will never waiver in our charge to ensure legal protection for every human being, from conception to natural death. Promoting a culture of life and a civilization of love must be foremost on our agenda. We will begin our march at the Forks at 6:30 PM. We will process down Broadway Avenue to the Manitoba Legislature. I hope to see as many of you as possible at this attestation of our values. The other event that should garner our attention is the **“Celebration of Life”** mass at the St. Boniface Cathedral on May 30th. We gather at the monument for the unborn, in the front of the Cathedral, at 7 PM.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Girouard, Master

