



# “Manitoba News”

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## State Deputy's Message

As we are nearing the end of October, we say “thanks” for the celebration of our “Thanksgiving” weekend. I am not just referring to the turkey but to all the “trimmings”. We are very fortunate that we live in this great country of ours with all those trimmings. We can always find a cause to grump and complain or a reason to

find fault in our everyday lives. For the most part we just like to be heard, but we have great reason to let ourselves be heard. It is spreading the word about the Knights of Columbus. We must take the initiative to promote “our” Order. The lay apostolate must respond our calling of evangelization. Your council has the numbers, the organization and the communication ability to get involved and spread the word to the Christian community. Strive to sponsor activities which enable the individual Knight to set a constant and worthy example as an ideal Catholic to his family, his community and his fellow members.

Now that we are into our 5th month in our Columbian year we must take the time to evaluate our accomplishments:

- 1) Do we have a Program Chairman to run our Council programs?
- 2) Do we have a Membership Chairman working on the council membership goals?

If you have these 2 portfolios filled you will have a better chance to achieve your goals.

In addition, we should consider the following in our Councils:

- a) The theme of 1 member per council per month to grow the Order.
- b) Charity – help bring the gift of mobility to people around the world through wheelchairs.
- c) The Marian Hour of Prayer project dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

- d) Knights of Columbus Insurance promoting the security, strength and confidence of the Order.

Let us remember that in the month of November we dedicate the day of November 11th to the men and women who fought in the various wars, past and present. Many of them dedicated their lives to serve their country. This year the Service of Remembrance from the Knights of Columbus will be at St Joseph's Church; 355 Andrews at 10:00 AM. Lest we forget!

Vivat Jesus  
Merlyn Onyschuk  
State Deputy

## Membership Tips

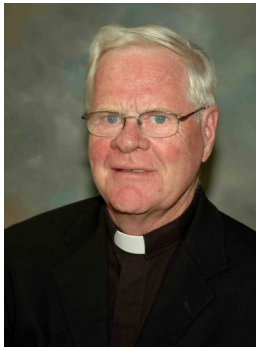
Brother Knights,

I want to congratulate all of the councils who are off to a good start this year in regards to recruitment. To date Manitoba has recruited 48 new brother knights.

I would encourage all councils at their next general meeting to spend some time discussing which Catholic gentleman could be recruited for the month of November. Remember, we are only trying to recruit one member this month per council. If just the executive, leaders of the council, could ask one gentleman each at mass next Sunday, they would likely find someone to join.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Kustra PSD, State Membership Director



### State Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights,

As I write this message, I am preparing for the Chaplain's Seminar. Twenty-five priests have registered to attend. For a council to be vibrant and active, there needs to be a close relationship

with the chaplain.

The month of November is dedicated to praying for and remembering our deceased relatives, friends and brother Knights.

On November 11, Remembrance day, We remember and pray for those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. It is also a day to pray for peace in our world. Jesus in his final discourse to the apostles at the Last Supper left the gift of his peace with them and encouraged them and all who would come after them to promote peace and unity in our world.

My blessing and Prayers

Msgr. Louis McCloskey

### Master Fourth Degree

Remembrance Day shall remain and be reverently observed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of each year by us and our successors.

**The Ode of Remembrance is cited on Remembrance Day followed by the phrase "Lest we forget."**

**The Ode of Remembrance:**

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young.  
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.  
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

Lest we forget.

On November 11, Canadians wear poppies and gather at war memorials across Canada to pay tribute to those who died in war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the time the Armistice of World War I was signed in 1918, we observe two minutes of silence to remember. As we continue to fight the war on terrorism, it is important to remember and teach about the wars in which so many Canadians died.

*Many of the Councils and Assemblies in this province are holding a service in their area. The Manitoba State Remembrance Day Service will be held at **St. Joseph's Church, 355 Andrews Avenue** at Mountain at 10 am on November 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Bob Girouard, Master*



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon will be circulated amongst the councils in Manitoba. Be sure and invite all parishioners when it arrives at your parish. You will be receiving a schedule shortly.**

Tom Kraemer  
Church Director

### Light Up for Christmas

When: December 6, 2011  
Where: St. Joseph Parish  
250 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Refreshments to follow.  
Everyone is encouraged to help kick-off the Christmas season.

### Congratulations!

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother **Ken Okrainec** from St. Anne Council #10551 as the **Knight of the Month** for November, 2011. Submission deadline for Knight of the month for December is November 15, 2011.

### Calendar of Events

#### Major Degrees:

- Nov 12 St. Claude (French)
- Nov 19 Neepawa
- Nov 26 Bishop Grandin Council
- Dec 8 Bishop Ladyka Council
- Jan 21 St Emile Council

#### Other

- Dec 6 Light Up for Christmas