



# “Manitoba News”

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## State Deputy's Message

Soon Thanksgiving will be upon us. We have so many things to be thankful for. We have been truly blessed with exceptional weather this summer and hopefully it will continue into the fall. We can really enjoy this type of weather as each day unfolds. I was speaking to our PSD Norman Collette today.

Thérèse and Norm were spending the afternoon sitting on their patio enjoying the beautiful weather at hand! The blessing of this fine weather is also truly appreciated by our farming community in reaping the fruits of their labour as they harvest their crops, prepare the land for next year and at the end of the day thank God for each day.

Now, as we embark in our “second quarter” of the Columbian year we also [can be very thankful that we are members of this great organization. Thankful that we have a vision and](#) a mission, one that was inspired to us by Pope John Paul II, one of many of his messages for us (Knights of Columbus) to continue the work of evangelization. The best way I think that we can evangelize is to spread the word of his teachings, through our programs and to reveal to our parish and community who we really are, what we do and what we stand for. Ensure that we make ourselves VISIBLE to our parish. As the Lady of Guadalupe Icon comes to your council please invite all your parishioners with posters, bulletins or pulpit announcements to attend the Marian Hour prayer service dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Each council should evaluate their needs in their Parish and community and implement those activities that are most suited to their needs or complement their activities. The Knights of Columbus service program activities are designed to engage their council members across a host of categories as listed below: (Asterisks are programs we would like you to implement.)

**Church:** \*The Icons for Marian Hour, \*Keep Christ in Christmas, \*Family of the Month/Year.

**Community:** \*Wheelchair, Nativity Scenes, Blood Donor, Light up for Christmas Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Council:** Special Olympics, \*Kid Coats, Habitat for Humanity, \*Knight of the Month/Year.

**Family:** \*Family of the Month/Year.

**Pro Life:** \* Pregnancy Distress Centre/Baby Bottle Program, Youth Groups.

**Youth:** Hockey Shoot out, \*Soccer Skills, \*Basketball Free throw, Squires.

At this time I would like to extend a blessed Thanksgiving to my Brother Knights and their families.

Vivat Jesus!

Merlyn Onyschuk,

State Deputy

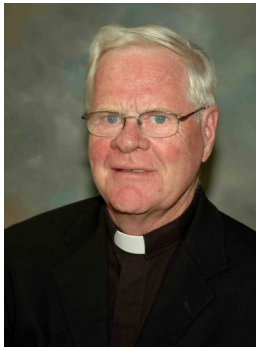
## Membership Tips

All councils must make membership an item to be discussed at **every** council meeting. Current members need to flush out the eligible prospects available especially in the parish. I am sure that every council member can come up with at least one eligible catholic man that could be asked to join. The prospect list should be kept and follow up contacts made if the prospect is not ready to join right now. By canvassing the membership at the monthly meeting, the prospect list will grow rapidly.

If you have not yet done so, set your membership goal for the year. Divide the remaining months by your goal and the goal becomes realistic and achievable.

It is not too late to conduct these membership activities for this Columbian year. Remember to work at it and you will see results.

Larry Kustra PSD, State Membership Director



Brother Knights,

A big need in our Church today is re-evangelization. This was a theme that Pope John Paul II stressed. In Europe and North America, there has been a great decline in religious practice among Catholics. This is evident in many parishes and in our dependence on

clergy from the developing countries to staff our parishes. Whatever we can do as a Catholic organization to encourage other Catholics in their faith practice is a very important spiritual work.

The month of October is dedicated as you are well aware to May, Queen of the Rosary. The rosary is a prayer that all Catholics are encouraged to pray. It is a meditation on the joyful, sorrowful and glorious events in the lives of Jesus and his mother, Mary. It is a prayer that is available to all people, including those who cannot read. When the Church was persecuted and churches closed, the rosary was a means of helping Catholics keep their faith alive. I am a descendent of Irish Catholics who suffered religious persecution for several centuries - until the 19th century. Pope John Paul II added the mysteries of light to the rosary meditation on the baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan, the wedding at Cana, the proclamation of the kingdom of God, the Transfiguration, and the institution of the Eucharist. He recommended that we meditate on these mysteries on Thursdays.

My blessing, prayers are with each of you.  
Vivat Jesus, Msgr. Louis McCloskey

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Brothers,

I hope you all had a wonderful and productive summer and as we enter the second quarter of our Columbian year, I want to remind all councils to be diligent in their financial record keeping and bills processing. Keeping accurate books and using the Voucher and Receipt system between the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer

will help to safeguard your council funds. It is also important that councils pay their bills and obligations to Supreme and State to avoid suspensions. Good record keeping will also make it easier for the Trustees of your Council to do the Semi Annual Audits efficiently and on time.

The Council Donation Survey Reports (salmon coloured form) are coming in quite steadily. I hope to start processing payments to Councils who have submitted their forms by mid October, once we have completed the Fall Regional Seminars. Councils should receive their ICCD cheques by the end of October or early November. Those councils who have not yet submitted their Council Donation Survey Report are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, as **NO FUNDS** will be released until the Council Donation Survey Report has been received.

If you require any assistance regarding the financial matters of your council, please feel free to contact me at the State Office or through my contact information in the State Roster or on the State web site.

Vivat Jesus  
Karl Brosch,  
State Treasurer



**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

#### Calendar of Events

Major Degrees:

Oct 8 St. Edward's Council  
Nov 26 Bishop Grandin Council

Other:

Oct 27 chaplain's seminar  
Nov 5 4th degree exemplification  
Nov 11 Remembrance Day Service  
Dec 6 Light Up for Christmas

#### Congratulations!

Matthew Lagacé, State Squires Chairman and the following councils for instituting yet another Squires group: St. James Council #4557, St. Basil' Council #11021, Charleswood Council #7523, White Horse Plains Council #8566 and Father Allan Hall Council #8604.

#### Congratulations!

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother **Mario Leclerc** from Thompson Council #5961 as the **Knight of the Month** for October 2011. Submission deadline for Knight of the month for November is October 15, 2011.