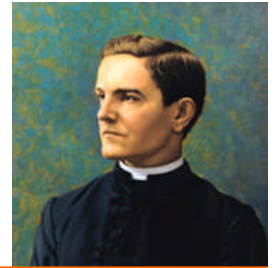




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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.
 To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
 To reach out to another is to risk involvement
 To place our ideas and our dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss.
 To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.
 To hold is to risk despair.
 To try is to risk failure.

Is there risk in our Faith? Parts of our society will say that those who maintain religious Faith are fools or weak. They hold fast to a belief in their perceived certitudes in science and laugh at those that believe in "that which is not proven."

I say that risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing; has nothing; is nothing. He may avoid failure, suffering and sorrow, but he simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love live. Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave; he has forfeited freedom.

What a privilege for us to be able to walk in faith in God Himself, armed with all the promises of His Word. We all desire the security of the solid tree trunk, but the fruit is out on the limb. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. The timid soul asks "What do I stand to lose if I do it?" the fruit bearing Catholic asks, "What do I stand to lose if I don't do it?" Real life is lived on the cutting edge.

At the recent State Convention we heard that our Councils must re-centre themselves on our Faith in order to better serve our Parishes and Priests, inspire less active Knights to become more involved, and to draw new members to our Councils. All Councils are being encouraged to ensure the inclusion of 10 to 15 minutes of spiritual guidance, ideally from your Chaplain, in every meeting. We are being called to INVITE our Chaplain to attend our meeting, not so that he sits through an hour of Council business, but to allow him the opportunity to offer Faith based guidance to those men attending the meeting (if your Chaplain is unable to attend he could offer a discussion thought in writing or your Grand Knight could utilize the Formations Program found on our State Web Page). We believe that through the inclusion of Faith studies in a meeting, many inactive Knights may come out to meetings and sit through the business in order to be a part of those spiritual discussions and to grow in the understanding of our Faith. And we have seen that many young men are searching for opportunities to grow in their Faith and would join the Order to be part of a strengthening of the faith. (Continued on Page 3)



STATE NEWSLETTERS NOW AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL or FROM THE STATE WEBSITE

Anyone who wishes can now receive the State newsletter by E-mail. If you would like to receive a copy of the State Newsletter by E-mail, please forward your E-mail address to State PR Director Pat Meuse at wpmeuse@sasktel.net. Please note that your E-mail address will only be used to forward the State Newsletter and will not be used for any other purpose. You will still receive a paper copy of the December newsletter which is mailed out to every Knight in the province of Saskatchewan. The September, March & June issues of the Newsletter are only mailed out to the councils and not to individuals. If you have any questions, please contact the State PR Director.

You can also download the newsletters from the State Web Site at www.kofcsask.com.

Editor—Pat Meuse

STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Spring brings on a great deal of change in the lives of most people. For some, they have had to deal with another season of flooding. Some find it difficult to get into the field. Some want to get out on the golf course again after a winter of watching golf. Some have had their businesses interrupted by weather or political forces beyond their immediate control. Still others anticipate a joyous graduation of their child, a marriage in the family that renews a sign of the Holy Trinity or invoices and bills that never cease to pour in.



Spring - what is the significance for you and your family this year? The need *to be present to God* gives a new perspective to all that comes our way. Our mission as knights remains the

same in any season, that is, to be an example to others, to be a light for them, to be hope for them in either challenging times or during moments of celebration. The mission remains the same but the situations to do this are all unique.

At the recent retreat at the beginning of March this year, we had an opportunity to reflect on a developing a small habit - to leave a few post it notes on our mirrors and fridges in the home. Jotting down a prayer to God, asking for a favor, lifting up a family member, etc., are ways that we can continue to be a witness for Jesus to our families and friends. Recall the principles of charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism. Objectively look at what a certain situation may call for. Then realize Jesus put you there to respond to the needs of those around you. Spring into action.

May we all have the awareness to pray everyday for the grace we need to be Christ . Regardless of where we find ourselves, be it on a tee box, a tractor, at a desk, at the supper table or driving somewhere. Thank God for Spring. Thank God for sending you where you need to be.

Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR
Eparch of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan State Chaplain

YOUTH AND SQUIRES

Greetings Brother Knights. I hope everyone is starting to enjoy the sunshine, long over due!! You can find the full version of my Youth & Columbian Squires report from the State convention on the State webpage (*Under Past State Events / Information on Youth Programs as presented to the 2011 Convention*) You will find a complete list of all the Youth Activities winners from the past year as well a complete list of all the programs we promote in the province with appropriate deadlines. Please consider trying a new one in the next months, many schools are interested in these as activities as they all have a good structure.

As we end our year, and councils find they have a few dollars left in the charity account, please consider sponsoring a child to attend a youth camp during the summer. Or even donating to one of the several youth camps we have in the province. The children will remember the special times for many years, and hopefully remember the Knights had a part in it.

Sincerely,
Joseph Riffel
State Youth & Columbian Squires Director

State Deputy (continued from page 1)

Our Councils and our Chaplains, working together, can be a catalyst for the growth of our Faith and the growth of the Order.

If we centre our Councils on our Faith, and show the goodness of the Gospels by serving others through Charity in our Church and Community, we will be doing what we are called to do by Jesus. If we centre our Councils on our Faith, our Councils will be more firmly attached to the vision of our Founder the Venerable, Father Michael J. McGivney. Let us take the "risk" of becoming more faithful Knights and more Faith filled Councils.

Edward Gibney SD
Saskatchewan

INCOME ARMOUR

Beginning on April 1st, the Knights of Columbus launched a brand new disability insurance product, known as Income Armour. Fundamentally, this product offers monthly payments to the insured to replace income lost when the insured is unable to work due to accident or illness. It is a critical form of insurance that protects your paycheque. The new Income Armour is clearly in keeping with our mission: insuring our members and their families against financial risk. One in four men can expect to suffer a disability that keeps them out of work for 90 days or longer at some point during their working years. If you do not currently own paycheque protection in the form of disability insurance, and you have a job, you need it.

At the recent K of C State Convention held in Moose Jaw, I was pleased to announce the success of the Saskatchewan Agency department in 2010. Our agency finished last year at 111% of quota, which ranked us #25 out of 135 agencies in North America. A few of our agents attained outstanding achievement in various categories. The top field agent in Saskatchewan was Glen Dobmeier from Humboldt, who ranked #58 in the entire Order out of approx 1300 agents and finished at 182% of quota. He also qualified for the Supreme Knight's Sales Club award. Perry Gaudet of Bellevue ranked #63 at 174% of quota and James Nestmann of Saskatoon ranked #115 at 141% of quota. Both Perry and James also qualified for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table. Being a member of MDRT means you belong to the top 3 to 5% of agents in the entire insurance industry. Gord Hunt of Regina a good year finishing at 135%. We thank the membership of Saskatchewan for your continued strong support of the insurance program!

The year 2010 was a tenth consecutive year of growth for the entire Order. Over \$7.7 billion of life insurance was issued, more than ever before. The K of C celebrated an extraordinary seven months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in January, February, March, April, May, September and November. Just last month the Knights of Columbus passed a major milestone when total insurance in force exceeded \$80 billion. The amount of life insurance in force has doubled in just over a decade, from \$40 billion in 2000. We have more than \$17 billion in assets and rank in the Fortune 1000 list of North America's largest companies. We believe our record sales growth has resulted from the organization's philosophy of sustainable investment and ethical business practices. Two of the industry's leading credit rating agencies have also affirmed our strength. Standard & Poor's has rated the K of C AAA (Extremely Strong) for the 18th consecutive year and A.M. Best rates us at A++ (Superior) for the 35th consecutive year.

For more information on Income Armour or any other K of C product please contact one of our 13 Saskatchewan field agents or if you do not know who your agent is please call our regional office at 306-949-0270. Vivat Jesus!

Mark Lewans
General Agent
Saskatchewan

IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

Elections are the start, for a chance to change our country to a Culture of Life. With the Federal election over, your job as a voter is not finished. You have to make sure the Pro-Life candidates carry through with their promise and you have to change the hearts of those working for the culture of death. We are called to evangelize, and we must not let our politicians off the hook. This is also an election year in this province and we need to let them know that Life issues are a priority. Speak to your MLA's and find out where they stand.

Some people say that politics is not the way to proceed, but rather we should do it through education. I agree with this to a point, but the first people we need to educate are our politicians. I have had the



chance to speak to the several politicians and have asked them, what is the most effective way to educate and influence their voting decision? They have all responded with the following list:

1st priority – Personal visit

2nd priority- Phone call

3rd priority – hand written or typed letter

4th priority – email

5th and least effective – petitions

Continue the fight and we will eventually see great success.

Start planning for next year's Culture of Life projects and a few suggestions follow:

Adopt a local Pro-Life group such as a Pregnancy Care Centre, Teen Aid, or Post Abortion Counselling group, and offer to pay their rent for a year, or if required help them to secure financing for their own building.

Raise funds to help hire full time help so they can keep the office open 5 days a week, 8 hours a day, or offer to pay the wages of a Teen-Aid teacher for a year.

Furnish their office with office desks, chairs, computers, etc. so they can effectively carry out their work.

Pay for adds on buses and at events where young people will gather to promote the Pro-Life message and reach out to those who are suffering from a past abortion.

Work with your local hospitals to provide quality palliative care facilities.

Remember that Pro-Life literature that is available from Supreme. All Pro-Life literature is free, and you just need to pay for the shipping. There should be pro-life literature in every church and Catholic school in this province. Talk to your parish priest and ask about inserting the literature in the Sunday bulletins especially at Christmas and Easter. One new piece of literature from the Supreme office is the ``**Winning Words of Life**`` flyer # 2275. This offers responses to common pro-abortion arguments. There are numerous other pieces as well, so talk to your Financial Secretary and get these ordered.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer.

Vivat Jesus,

Louis Roth

In Support of Life

FAMILY LIFE COUPLE

I would like to thank all of the District Deputies and the Councils for all of the work that you have all done this past Columbian Year. During our convention in Moose Jaw we were able to review some of the programming that had taken place from across the province. I hope that you were able to come away with a better understanding of how important the Knights are to each Parish and community in the province. We sometimes need to be reminded of this especially in the smaller communities.

I would like to again thank the Councils that participated in the Family of the Month and Family of the Year Program, we do hope that more councils take the opportunity to participate in these programs which is open to all councils in the province.

At the State Convention certificates were presented to each of the councils that took part in the program this year.

Family of the Month participation certificates were presented to

- Denzil Council 3920 (GK Gerald Deck)
- Meadow Lake Council 5259 (GK Leonard Bell)
- Ituna Fr. Hendrik Boels Council 5320 (GK Michael Spilchuk)
- Regina Bishop Budka Council 5914 (GK Art Ingleby)
- Luseland Council 6684 St. Eugene de Mazenod (GK Irvin Kloster)
- Regina Resurrection Council 13214 (GK Gerald Clancy)

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 10-24

Happy Easter – Rejoice, Christ has Risen!!

These past couple of months have been hectic with much accomplished and much to be grateful. We have had Easter, a State Convention and Council elections. If you haven't already done so, I ask that you please read all the reports contained in the Convention Book (with some bias towards the State Membership Director's Report) distributed at the convention. These reports summarize the “love and good deeds” we Saskatchewan Knights have been involved with throughout the year.

Adding to busyness of these past couple months has been a late spring, much flooding and delayed seeding. With one month left in this Columbian Year we look forward to State Golf and year-end wind ups where Councils will take time to recognize the contributions and efforts of their Brother Knights and Families. After that comes the summer slowdown and vacations.

However, there is still one month before summer, so please allow me one more opportunity to appeal for your continued focus on membership recruitment and establishing round tables. It is never too late to sign up one more new member and/or establish one more round table – one way we can “spur one another on toward love and good deeds”.

As shown in the table below, we have done some good work in recruiting new members. And not included in these numbers are the 16 new members who attended a first degree in Regina on Sunday May 15th. Six Councils and one DD have attained at least 100% of their membership target.

Membership as at Jul 1/10	New Members Recruited	Suspension and Withdrawals	Deaths and Transfers Out of Province	Membership as at May 17/11	Change	Round Tables
10,664	206	139	132	10,599	-65	10

However, as the table illustrates, our overall membership continues to decline. And there continues to be 97 Saskatchewan councils that have not recruited a new member this year.

Please schedule a first degree/establish a round table by the end of June and invite our catholic men to join our efforts “toward love and good deeds”!!

Thank you to each and every one of you who are working so hard to make your Council, your District and Saskatchewan a better place. May you have a successful conclusion to this Columbian Year and a restful, joy filled summer with a great start to “next year”.

God Bless

Brian Schatz

State Advocate

FAMILY LIFE COUPLE (Cont'd)

Congratulations to this years Family of the Year recipients , Lane and Cynthia Foster and their 2 children Noah and Laurel, from St. Francis Council 9848 in Saskatoon (Grand Knight Dr. Brian Colquhoun) they were honored at the State Banquet Saturday evening during the convention.

As well congratulations to Fr. Gilpin Council # 9760 Moose Jaw (Grand Knight William Meuse) for their successful application for State Family Project of the Year.

A reminder Family Week is August 6-14 and we encourage councils to participate, many of the councils do not hold regular meeting during the summer months of July and August , we ask you to consider planning an activity at least for Family week, suggestions might be holding a Family Picnic , Family Mass , or some type of function that the whole family can be part of and enjoy.

In closing Sylvia and I would like to thank all the members and their families for your support and participation in Family Life programs in your council.

This being the last newsletter of the Columbian Year we would like to thank our State Deputy Ed Gibney for giving us the opportunity to serve you as this years Family Life Couple.

May God bless you and your families throughout the year.

Yours in Christ

Larry and Sylvia Tymiak

Family Life Couple

SASKATCHEWAN KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Each month I am asking all councils to send me one or two pictures of an activity the council has participated in. Included with the picture(s) should be an explanation of what is happening and who is in the picture(s). Please forward pictures to wpmeuse@sasktel.net by e-mail or:

Pat Meuse

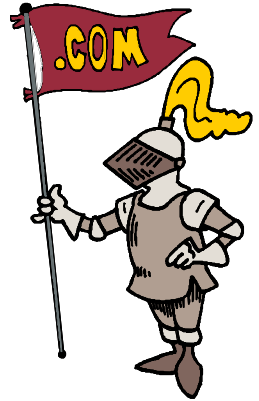
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by Snail mail. You can submit the pictures any time. I will take all the pictures I receive by the 3rd week of the month and put them together for the following month. Any picture received after the 3rd week of the month will go in the following month.

Pat Meuse

State PR Director

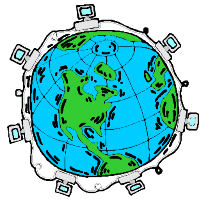


TEXT BASED WEB PAGE

We now have a Text based main web page to speed up downloads for those of you on dial-up Internet service. The web address will be www.kofcsask.com. The page will enable you to very quickly download the main web page as there will be no graphics in it at all. It will be just words that will allow you to link to other files or sub web pages. We will not be proceeding any further with the text based web page as we have not received any feedback on it. If you have used the text based web page and want the concept expanded to more of the web page, please give us some feedback on how it is working.

Pat Meuse

State PR Director



Knights of Columbus –Pope John I Council #7315 at Nipawin Knights performed all ministries Sunday April 3, 2011 at St. Eugene's in Nipawin



The District #14 Knights of Columbus Family Discing Bonspiel was held at Tramping Lake on Sunday, Feb. 20th, 2011. District #14 consists of Councils from Tramping Lake, Denzil, Luseland, Kerrobert and Macklin. Six teams participated in a fun filled afternoon of fellowship and good sportsmanship.

STATE SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS

The deadline to submit a project for the State Special Project Awards is 15 March. There are Projects in the following areas:

Church, Community, Council, Youth, Family of the Year and Pro-Life

You can submit your project at anytime, however any project that that occurs after 15 March will be considered for the following year. To submit your project forward it to the General Program Director at kofc.saskstate.sgpd@sasktel.net by E-mail or at the State Office by Snail Mail

General Program Director
214 Avenue M South
Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4



Mike Kelly from Council #1534 Father Lawless in Moose Jaw clearing snow from St. Joseph's Church. Father Lawless Council purchased the tractor for use in clearing snow from the church.



Pope John I Council #7315 made a financial contribution to St John Bosco Youth Camp along with a full day of labor, doing maintenance and painting out buildings. Knights pictured: Brothers Mike Hardwicke, Laurnce Zimmer, Camp Director?, Ferd Rouault, Grand Knight Brother Gerald Millette



Grand Knight Pat Meuse from Father Gilpin Council #9760 Moose Jaw receiving his council's second Service project award from State Deputy Ed Gibney. Council 9760 won Service Project awards for both Church and Family Service.

Photo by Bob Barkman

CHURCH AND VOCATIONS

The State Convention in Moose Jaw went very well this last weekend thanks to the planning and work of the Knights of District 8. Many thanks are due to all who helped in any way to make the Convention a success.

The Silver Rose Run will Be held again from the 23rd of May 11, 2011 to the 19th of June, 2011 in Districts 9, 22, 5, 8, 19, 6, and 7. The run was begun to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and develop unity in the Order. If the run occurs in your vicinity I encourage you to take part in the activity. If possible I will try to get the schedule placed on the state website. Grand Knights who attended the State Convention will have a copy of the schedule of dates and places in their convention booklet on page 108. A rose happens also to be a symbol of the Pro Life movement.

Plans are in the process to sponsor a sports day for all the clergy in the Province in July. Councils are encouraged to sponsor their Chaplain or Pastor to attend the event. I will try to keep you informed through the state website.

Have a great spring and summer!

God Bless!

**Don Keindel,
Church and Vocations Director**



Grand-Knight Dave Yasinski of Father Hermes Council #5256 playing "Doc Walker" in our Dinner/Theatre production of "Smoking Gun". In between acts, Doc Walker circulated among the attendees seeing to their health needs, as per 1885 standards.



Chaplin Bishop Bayda speaking at the banquet to celebrate Council # 5104's 50 years as a council on April 2nd .

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Check out the Foundation's Web Site at www.kofcsask.com/state_web_016.htm