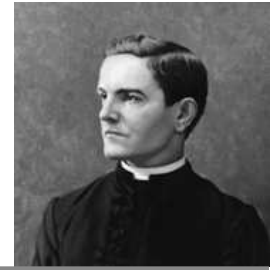




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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today?" So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "Hmmm" she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today?"

So she did and she had a wonderful day. The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail."

So she did and she had a fun, fun day. The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!" Attitude is everything.

Yes! Attitude is everything. A positive outlook on life is a wonderful thing but more than that, it is a gift from God. The woman in the story could have been suffering from any number of ailments or her situation could have been the result of cancer treatments, but she still looked for the positive in what life offered her, did her best with what she had to work with and enjoyed her day.

Brothers;

We have just completed the 7th Month of this Fraternal year and there are several goals or hopes that I am still expecting to attain. I believe that with a positive attitude, we can reach these goals.

One of my hopes for this year is to see every Council active in recruiting. Unfortunately, at this time, 114 Councils in the Province have not recruited a new member this year. I understand that there are some areas of the Province where membership recruitment is more difficult than others, but the need for a positive attitude and a willingness to TRY is the 1st step to success. A Council that is saying that there is no hope of new members or saying that "everyone has already been asked" is not taking a positive attitude. They won't try to recruit and any member who might have been willing to recruit will have been turned off trying. On the other hand, a Council that is positive about and hopeful of membership growth will send out recruiters that have a positive outlook on the Knights of Columbus and on the future of their Council.

On the Provincial level, Supreme has given us a goal of inviting 415 new members into our Order, in Saskatchewan, this year. So far this year we have reached about 25% of that aim. However, if each of the 114 Councils in the Province that have not recruited a new member yet were to do so, we would be over the 50% level. That is how a simple, slight effort, across all the Councils of Saskatchewan, can make a huge impact. (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

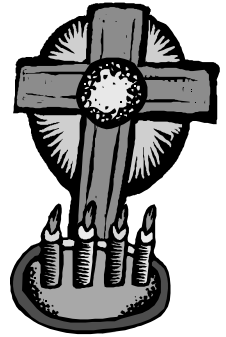
STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,
Count your blessings!

How many of us were told to count our blessings as we were growing up? Well, it is wisdom that truly never grows old. Gratitude is a great attitude to nurture and I am blessed to spend my vacation deepening that outlook on life. The more we are able to peer into the lives of people around the world with the touch of our TV remotes on various news channels, the more responsible we are to have this attitude of appreciation. God gives us the grace of the season of Lent to reflect on our blessings.

Grace Land of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

God taps us on the shoulder every time we become aware of those more fortunate in ways than we are or less fortunate in other ways. With a spirit of gratitude, I write to you at the beginning of February from Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Catholic Church in Memphis, Tennessee under the care of



the Redemptorists (www.holynamesccmemphis.org). I was led here by God to visit my novitiate classmate Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, CSsR whose friendship and preaching always change my heart. But he continues to serve in one of the most poor and difficult areas of the city, where much ministry awaits him and his confreres in the community, Fr. Marcel Okwara, CSsR and Br. Gene Patin, CSsR. They are guided by Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and through her intercession this is another kind of 'graceland' - a land of grace. This is a place of grace if we can open our hearts to see God who is present in those who have needs of numerous basics in life. When I seek to offer something as simple as 'dignity' to someone else, I rediscovered it within my own heart all over again.

Grace also abounds further south in New Orleans! 29 years ago Fr. Maurice and I planned to visit a Redemptorist confrere, Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR, and it finally happened. Fr. Byron currently directs the Blessed Fr. Xavier Seelos, CSsR Shrine in New Orleans. Blessed Seelos, CSsR risked and gave his life when caring for those who were ill. It makes me wonder how much I am willing to give. God gives us these blessed saintly examples to put our giving in perspective. God gives us the grace of the season of Lent to reflect on our blessings.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

I am also blessed to be able to fly this first week of February to Mexico City for part two of my vacation where I will be met by Msgr. Eduardo Chavez. (Look him up online on Youtube "eduardo chavez guadalupe"). While Msgr. Chavez was in Saskatoon this past fall, I had the pleasure of having him stay at my residence for a few nights. He spoke about the wonders of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Juan Diego and the miraculous conversion of millions of Aztecs. Msgr. Eduardo asked me when I will be in Mexico next and I told him I was planning a week of relaxation on a beach somewhere in Mexico at the beginning of February 2011. But Our Lady of Guadalupe had other plans for me. As she converted millions of people hundreds of years ago, her image on the tilman of St. Juan Diego beckons. So, I am presenting myself to her again this week as I did way back in 1974 when my family was blessed to visit the shrine for the first time.

Not Empty Handed

However, this time, when I come before her in prayer, I bring with me the intentions of all those who read these words; the Knights from Saskatchewan, the entire world-wide order of men and their families who strive to serve Christ her son through their support of the Holy Father and the Catholic Church. I bring the programs, councils and individuals who conduct acts of charity for so many in need. I bring with me those who organize events like our Indoor Games, our wheel chair programs, our spiritual programs and retreats, our insurance programs, our youth events in schools, our charitable works supported through the K of C Charities Foundation, support for seminarians, and the list goes on. I do not come before her image empty handed, but hold in my heart the good works of thousands of great, courageous, hard-working Catholic men and their families. I don't have a *tilman* like St. Diego, but in my heart I bear the many roses of kindness that flourish in the sometimes harsh winter climate of Saskatchewan and spill them out at Our Lady's feet. I pray she touches your hearts and refreshes your spirits this Lenten season. She reminds us, "I am here. What more do you need?"

May my reflection find you in a place of peace. This Lent, take a deep breath, exhale, and know that your personal gifts and sacrifices, large or small, don't go unnoticed by Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. Together, let us count our blessings.

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

State Deputy (continued from page 1)

With the positive attitude of each of us recruiting one new member to strengthen their Council, the State of Saskatchewan would be the leading recruiting State in Canada and one of the leading States in the Order.

There have also been smaller monthly competitions set forth from the Supreme Council encouraging us to aim at smaller goals. Over the next few months each State of the Order is challenged to recruit 10% of their yearly goal each month (for Saskatchewan we would need 42 new members a month). Financial rewards will be given to those States that succeed and this money would be used for an incentive program for the Councils the following year. If we are successful in reaching this monthly goal the successful recruiting Councils next year will be given a financial rewards.

And of course, this positive attitude toward recruiting can also focus on your Council reaching their personal recruitment goal from Supreme. If you can invite one gentleman to join us then why not ask several and see if you can reach your Council's goal. Yes! A positive attitude is a very powerful thing. Let us go out and ask Catholic gentlemen to belong to the best lay Catholic organization in the world. We owe it to our Church to Grow the Church by growing the Order. God Bless you.

Edward Gibney
State Dep

WE STAND STRONG ON ETHICAL GROUND

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side of capitalism.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

These standards are visible throughout the Order, from our fraternal programs and support of the Church and its teaching to the investment strategy of our assets.

"What sets us apart is what Standard & Poor's refers to as the 'very conservative' approach we take in managing our \$16 billion in assets," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson in his 2010 address at the Supreme Convention. "We place 'a very high value on the society's reputation'."

This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to ensure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said the Supreme Knight. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality and not money-making. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order sound financially for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

To learn more about our products, please contact one of our 11 field agents in Saskatchewan. If you do not know who your field agent is, call my regional office in Regina at 306-949-0270.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Lewans
General Agent
Saskatchewan

COMMUNITY AND WHEEL CHAIR FOUNDATION

Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights and my brothers in Christ:

Community Activities

I am sure everyone is busy in each of your own areas and Councils. **Have you as individuals or Councils, assisted all those affected by the flood damaged areas around Saskatchewan?** Have you advertised what you have done? I have received many monthly reports and some are reporting very little activity in the Community Portfolio. I know the work is being done out there but for some reason the communi-



cation does not get to the Program Director who is filling out these forms. **If you have missed something on a previous month's report, make sure to put it in on the following month.**

Most of our members are involved in some sort of community activity every month whether it be volunteering to **coach minor sports, serving on local government, school, municipal or hospital boards. Helping seniors** whether disabled or not, through visiting or running errands for them is all part of what we do as members of the Knights of Columbus. **Visits to Hospitals and seniors homes**, assisting in Catholic Health services and especially **blood donor clinics** (whether you organize the clinic or donate blood) are many times over looked as volunteer services. We have many Honorary Life members who spend many hours each month doing these types of community activities, don't ignore them. **Just because they may not be showing up at Council meetings doesn't mean they aren't active in their communities.** I would like to commend everyone for your efforts but please put this on your reports so all may benefit from your accomplishments and ingenuity.

Wheel Chair Foundation

Our fraternal year is fast coming to an end. Many of our Councils have shown interest in undertaking a fundraiser for the Canadian and Global Wheel Chair Mission. Each Council and District Deputy was provided with the DVD on different deliveries of wheelchairs that were made and an example of a Sunday Parish Drive. This would be a great Lecturer Program at your regular meeting or at some special Council function. **I want to recognize the Knights of District #16 for their efforts to date this year.** Every \$150 donated gives the recipient and his or her family a freedom of mobility. The happiness on their faces when a chair is presented to them is over whelming. As I have reported before, **Saskatchewan leads the whole Order of the Knights of Columbus in donations per capita.** We have now reached almost \$160,000 with only about 25% of our Councils participating. Let's keep up the great work.

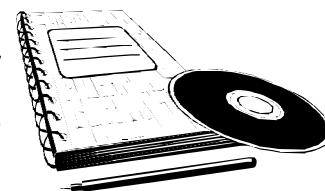
Marvin DeSchryver

Community Activities Director

STATE GENERAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Grand Knights,

First of all, special thanks to all of you who conducted excellent programming in your churches and communities. Also, thanks to all the councils who keep their reporting and forms up to date as well as those councils that have recruited at least one or two new members.



The Knights of Columbus organizational structure enables members to serve the community and church along with their family and other Catholic families that share like beliefs and values. The order was founded to assist and strengthen the family. Today, we continue to grow on that strong foundation. I urge all Grand Knights to focus their programming on youth and family as this is the future of the Knights of Columbus.

Grand Knights, please give your attention to the items below:

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – this form is past due and your District Deputy will contact you if your council has not submitted the form. We would like to see 100% of the councils reporting. The form can be completed online at www.kofc.org/forms.

Profile with Special Olympics #4581 - Each council can report \$1.00/member from Charity Appeal Sales as well as any other donations made to Special Olympics. Also report your volunteer hours in assisting with Special Olympics activities at council, district or state level.

Basketball Free Throw - This is a good activity that could produce prospective knights in years ahead. Council level in Jan. or early Feb.; District/Zone level in Feb. or early Mar.; State – send zone results to State by Mar. 15

Poster Contest -- Substance Abuse - send results to State by Mar. 15

Conduct your Membership Blitz - make a special effort in Mar. and Apr. to sign up at least one or two new members.

Semi-Annual Audit - for the period ending Dec. 31/10 - If you have not yet completed this report, complete it as soon as possible (page 21 in the reporting booklet or online at www.kofc.org/forms)

Monthly Evaluation Reports - these reports are all due (Mar/10 to Feb/11) by Mar. 11/11. Please make a concentrated effort to submit your monthly evaluation reports.

Family of the Month - At present, we have only five councils participating. Our parishes throughout Saskatchewan have many worthy families who should be nominated. I urge you to utilize this program by filling out a Family of the Month for each month. Forms for all months are in the Family of the Year Reporting Booklet or online at www.kofc.org/forms .

Submissions for State Family of the Year are due to State Office by Mar. 15.

State Council Service Program Awards - I have received ten projects to date. If you have a single project in one of the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-Life, Youth; please submit it by Mar. 15 to the State General Program Director. You can find the entry form on page 23 of your Council Reporting Forms Booklet or online at www.kofc.org/forms.

The State Convention will be held in Moose Jaw on May 6, 7 and 8. Be sure your Supreme Per Capita is paid to date. Also, your credential forms and necrology report should be sent to the Executive Secretary Bob Barkman.

Men's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend – March 4 & 5 at St. Patrick's Parish Center, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon. All councils should make an effort to attend. We have excellent presenters including the Deputy Supreme Knight, Dennis Savoie. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to enrich your faith.

In Support of Life - Mar. 25 is Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. Please promote pro-life around this date in your parish.

Founder's Day March 29 - Some ideas to promote Founder's Day: Father McGivney Prayer Cards Item #2617; The Life & Legacy of Father McGivney Brochures Item #2045; Columbus Day Address available from Supreme to air on your local radio station.

Knights of Columbus Council Yearly Planning Guide – visit the state website at www.kofcsask.com under programs and access ideas for each month. This guide can be used to assist you in planning your yearly programming needs.

In closing, I encourage all councils to take an active part in the life of your parish. There are many activities that can be done by two or three members on a regular basis. Remember, we joined the Knights of Columbus to serve our church. There is no greater honor for a knight than to make a difference in the lives of others.

Yours Fraternaly,

Chris Bencharski

State General Program Director

State Warden

TREASURER

JANUARY PER CAPITA PAYMENTS

Councils were invoiced in early January for their Per Capita Assessments. I have been receiving cheques from councils. Thank you very much for your timely payments. It certainly makes my job easier.

CHARITY APPEAL REBATE CHEQUES

I am preparing the cheques for councils who participated in the Charity Appeal



Ticket sales. I would like to thank you for your participation in this project. 70% of the amount that you sell is returned to your council to support charities of your choice. Some councils have not indicated which charities they will be supporting with the rebate funds. I need that information before sending out your cheque. Tickets and rebate cheques will be distributed at State Convention in Moose Jaw May 6 to 8.

MEN'S SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

I'm continuing to accept registrations for the Spiritual Enrichment Weekend. I hope that there will be a good turn out and that this will become a very successful annual event.

Hoping to meet all of you at State Convention in Moose Jaw.

Denis Carignan

State Treasurer



Members of Father Gilpin Council 9760 stand under the manger they built for Church of Our Lady in Moose Jaw as part of their Keep Christ in Christmas project..



**Father Hermes Council #5256 from St. Walburg
And The CWL held their 3rd Annual joint Christmas party on the evening of Dec. 7.**

FAMILY LIFE

I have a few ideas that I would like to share with you and they are most likely not new but can serve as reminder of what we can do together to promote family orientated programs in our councils.

One is volunteering together with your family, this brings members together for quality time while they make a difference and create positive memories.



Helping those who are less fortunate can also add meaning to their lives. When volunteering with young children remember to keep the activity as fun as possible so they'll want to do it again.

Lent is a good time to be more involved with your family by possibly paying a visit to Care Homes in your community or a visit to someone that is confined to their home, a visit from someone is always welcome.

During this time of year you may try a family retreat before Easter involving the whole family.

Now this may be a good project for your whole Council. Get them involved, I am sure they would be more than willing to take part in it, be sure to include your parish Priest when organizing this type of program.

Another idea is conducting the rosary before Sunday Mass or before a Church Social.

These are only a few ideas that can be used to include the family.

We must continue to work hard to strengthen family life, this we all know is very important .

How and when you choose to implement these ideas are up to you, please give this some serious thought.

If your are interested in keeping up with what is happening, take some time to visit our Supreme website KOFc.ORG Suggestion is (Fathers for Good) link, a lot of good information to read about family life and also on the main web page. Links to all recent articles from our Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain and much more.

If you have any questions or if you have something in your council that you believe you would like to share with others please do not hesitate to call me or send me an email.

Please keep up the good work in your councils and parishes remember we are part of the largest Catholic Organization in the World let us be proud of who we are and what we are doing.

Fraternally yours

Family Life Directors

Larry and Sylvia Tymiak

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us."

2 Corinthians 5-20

An Early Happy Easter – Rejoice, Christ has Risen!!

In my November article I confessed that I was becoming concerned about the meagre membership recruitment results our province had achieved for this Columbian Year. The optimism that showed so much promise at the beginning of the year, was slowed by summer vacations and September rains that delayed harvest.

By November we had only recruited 38 new members and our overall membership had declined by 37 to 10,627.

As of today we have only recruited 113 new members this year, and our overall membership has declined by 71 to 10,593.

112 of our 159 councils have not recruited one member this year. We have only established 8 round tables.

In his February message our State Deputy explained the very good reasons why a council should pay special attention to its membership activities. He talked about recognizing the importance of recruiting new members to sustain the health of the council, to inject new enthusiasm and to grow new leaders. I won't repeat all of what he said, but to highlight one thing, further to the quote above, "We owe it to all Catholic gentlemen, especially young gentlemen, to offer them the benefits of being a Knight".

We have a short 4 ½ months left in this Columbian year. Let's rise to the challenge and seize the opportunities that will bring us. For the good of your council, and for the good of Saskatchewan, for the remainder of this year please **focus on recruiting at least one new member and establishing roundtables**, especially in Ukrainian Parishes. Every catholic man, especially our young men (18 – 35 years of age) and First Nations men deserve the invitation to experience what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

Your Grand Knight and Council Officers will make membership recruitment a priority within your council and will have a plan. Join with them in those efforts. Positively promote the good deeds and the accomplishments of your Council and those of the province. Ask family members and friends to belong to a great organization and assist you and your council to become even better at meeting the needs of your Church and community. Participate in the March Blitz that your council will organize!!

Don't wait for "someone" else to take on those roles. I've just heard that "someone" is you!!

Our State Membership team consisting of myself and Regional Directors:

Marvin DeSchryver – Northwest;

Wayne Exner – Yorkton & Area;

Ron Holaday – Northeast;

Jim Stoffel – Regina & Area;

Earl Synkiw – Saskatoon & Area; and

Kerry Yuzik – Swift Current & Area

would be pleased and look forward to helping your DD and your Council.

Wishing you and yours all the best for what remains of this winter, and a great Lent in preparation for the Jesus Event celebrating His life, death and Resurrection!

Brian Schatz

PS – If I may, wearing my other hat, I ask all Councils to schedule time within their executive and regular meetings to discuss resolutions for consideration at our State Convention in early May. An official call for resolutions will be sent from the State Office, but an early start and good discussion at the council level will make for very good deliberations at the convention.

SASKATCHEWAN STATE COUNCIL EVENTS UPDATE

Now that we are getting into March, hopefully we have seen the end of old man winter. It was quite a challenge in some parts of the province and I pray that spring comes and goes without too much fury and spares those who were already hit hard last summer and all others of course.

The State Board members have been keeping very active this winter and have planned several events in the coming months. New this year will be our "Men Spiritual Enrichment Week End" this is being organized by the board with the help of a Saskatoon Council and if fully supported by the Bishop's of Saskatchewan. Information and a registration form are available on www.kofcsask.com. The event was also advertised in the Christmas issue of this publication. Please consider travelling to Saskatoon on March 4 and 5, to take in this event as it should prove to be very interesting

District 8 lead by Council 1534 has been preparing to receive the members of the Knights of Saskatchewan who will be attending the 89th State Council Annual Meeting. The planning for this convention is done and all that is left are the last minutes detail and to actually welcome all of you in Moose Jaw on May 6, 7 and 8. All we ask is that you have a good time while in Moose Jaw.

I also want to make all of you aware that we are going to travel to the north and visit the good folks of Goodsoil Council 5479 to attend the State Golf. Grand Knight Wes Dombrowski assures me that it will be an event to remember. The course is supposed to be in top shape and the hospitality will be in the same form. State Golf will be held the week end of June 3, 4 and 5, 2011. The information should be out there already if it is not, it will be very shortly.

At the time of writing (early Feb) we are still waiting on application for the State Organizational Meeting to be held in late June. There are some irons in the fire and a decision should be made soon. As soon as we have finalized this, we will put the information on the State Web Site: www.kofcsask.com.

I would like to ask for the membership support for those Councils that are putting time and effort in organizing State Events. Just remember that Fr McGivney felt "Fraternity" was important enough so he emphasized this by including it as one of the principles of our order.

In closing, I ask that you all keep an eye on the "calendar of events" found on the State web site www.kofcsask.com and see what events have not yet been assigned. Consider getting your council involved and apply to host an event. You will find it rewarding and you will get to meet some great friends. The application forms for State Events can be found on the State Web Site at: www.kofcsask.com at a link called "State Events Application Forms" situated on the front page in the box "Upcoming State Event".

Vivat Jesus

Gilles Doiron
State Secretary/Council Director

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

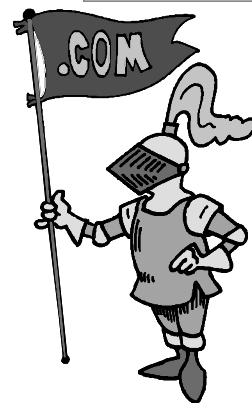
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Moose Jaw, Sk S6H 5M2

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



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

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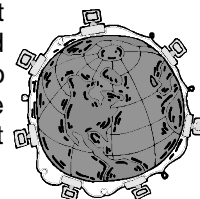


TEXT BASED WEB PAGE

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



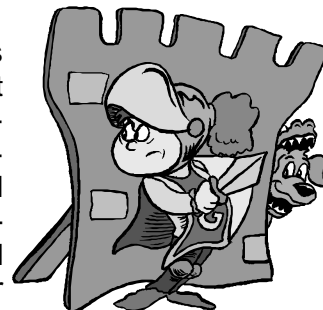
MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

Date	Place	Contact
March 6 th 2011	in Saskatoon	(Contact one of the local District Deputies)
March 20 th 2011	in Prince Albert	(Gerald Wiegiers 764-0246)
March 27 th 2011	in Yorkton	(DD David Spelay 782-5320)
May 15 th 2011	in Regina	(Contact one of the local District Deputies)

RETENTION

Brothers;

We are currently getting close to the end of another fraternal year. How is your council doing to keep and maintain your membership? One of the best ways to achieve your membership goals is to keep your suspensions to a minimum. Evaluate your council membership and identify those that are not attending your council meetings and functions. Make sure they are feeling useful and are welcomed. Include their spouses and their entire families to attend all functions that include everyone. Keep them up to date on upcoming events and fill them in on what has been happening in your council. A monthly newsletter



works great and a good phoning committee keeps them in the loop and you get to communicate, one on one, with every member. Keeping your membership happy makes an enjoyable organization to belong to. Everyone is important and we must make all our members feel that they are. You will not have any suspensions if you achieve these good works.

Make use of our State program directors. They are here to help you develop programs that work and are supported by our Supreme office. Good programs keep your council active and alive. Phone them or email them and get the help you need or let them know what is working well in your council and could be of interest elsewhere. Our State convention is coming up very quickly. Make sure your council status is in good standing and prepare and remit your council program material for the State awards as soon as you can. Every entry is considered and all are great to see and read. Good luck to all.

If I can be of help, please contact me at lancer.tv@sasktel.net or phone 689-2902.

Vivat Jesus

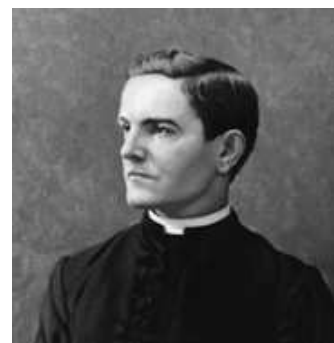
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FATHER MCGIVNEY

Brothers;

Again I am asking your support in asking every person (not just knights) to join the Fr.McGivney Guild. It is free and you are sent very informational updates on the progress of the Beatification of our founder, Fr.McGivney. Together, in numbers, we show our love and solidarity to our founder and as we pray together in larger numbers, we increase our chances of receiving God's Blessings with the assistance, I am sure, of the Venerable Michael J McGivney.

Every meeting, make the registration form visible and ready to be signed and



extra copies ready to be taken home and filled in by the whole family. Make these forms available in your parishes and be ready to collect them on their behalf and sent in together with all that you have collected. Also, have the form ready to sign at all your first degrees. Go for 100% participation in your council. You have to make it important and a priority in your council or nobody will. Please give it your best effort. Again, please call me if I can be of help at 689-2902 or email

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Editor's note: To join the Father McGivney Guild go to the web Site: www.fathermcgivney.org

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Knights of Columbus is one of the prime organizations involved in running the Winter Games 2011. Members of the Prince Albert Councils will be at the forefront in assisting the flow of the events in various capacities, moreover Councils from the Saskatchewan Jurisdiction assisted the Winter Games through their financial donations.

Dates: February 11th – 13th 2011

Location: Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

The Participants: Approximately 200 athletes, coaches, and mission staff will gather from across the Province to compete at the Provincial Winter Games. This Provincial competition is also a qualifying event for the 2012 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in St Albert, Alberta. Special Olympics Saskatchewan will also enlist the services of approximately 150 volunteers in hosting this event.

The Sports: The athletes will compete in Floor Hockey, Curling, and Snowshoeing.

The Venues: All of the events will be held at various facilities within the City of Prince Albert. The facilities are as follows:

Floor Hockey: SIAST and Riverside

Curling: East End Rink

Snowshoeing: Princess Margaret School

SUMMER SCHOOL IN LITURGICAL STUDIES JULY 19-28, SASKATOON

The Bishops of Western Canada ask the Knights of Columbus to please help in supporting interested people to participate in the Summer School in Liturgical Studies to be held at the University of Saskatchewan, July 17- 28. Please encourage people to register at www.wcl-ssls.ca or email karenfs@sasktel.net for more information.

Financial help is strongly encouraged so that we can educate our people to be more prepared to work in our parishes. Please discuss at your local council meetings.

Thank You.

Liturgical Committee of the Saskatoon Diocese

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



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

State Advocate Brian Schatz presents the cheque for \$5,000.00 to the 2nd place winner of the Charity Appeal draw.