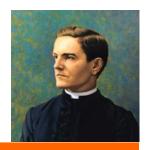


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our physical life will come to an end but our spiritual life will continue. It's fitting that the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is about earthly temptations. Jesus was tempted by Satan to turn his attention away from His sacred mission. The temptations that Jesus faced weren't designed to see if Jesus would sin but to prove that he couldn't. Jesus overcame these temp-

#### STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE The season of Lent has begun. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we were

created by God and that ultimately, we will return to God. It's a reminder that

tations through the knowledge of his identity, his purpose, and God's plan for our salvation. Guided by Jesus' example, we too must know who we are as followers of Christ, and be constantly mindful of our ultimate purpose in life. As members of the Knights of Columbus we are asked to resist temptation and to demonstrate our love for God and our neighbour through the example of our lives. We are blest that as Knights of Columbus, we are afforded the opportunity to make a positive difference in our communities and in the World, by our charitable and fraternal programs, by the example of our lives, and by our steadfast support of our Christian principles and values.

Lent is a time for us to confront and conquer temptation through prayer, penance, and acts of mercy. We must be ever mindful of our ultimate purpose in life which is to serve God and our fellowman. We are constantly being tempted to take the "easy road". Jesus did not take the easy road. Neither should we. (Continued on Page 2)

#### STATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

To my brother Knights,

As we approach Easter, we become more fully aware of what the Lord has done for us as we reflect on the journey towards his death and resurrection. Furthermore, this expression of Christ's great love and mercy for us is an invitation to mirror his love and mercy towards others. What can we do? Specifically, what can we do as brother Knights?



As we journey through the Jubilee of Mercy, the Holy Father would like that

we focus on both the physical and spiritual works of Mercy. As we know, there are not only physical needs but there are also spiritual needs. However, the Knights are very much involved in the first as an Order.

In the last judgement, chapter 25 of Matthew's gospel, we find passages on the works of Mercy that many of us know and have often quoted. The six works of Mercy listed in the text reveal the physical needs of every human being: hunger, thirst, nakedness, shelter, sickness, and imprisonment. When we look at the list, we become aware that some works may seem easier than others to put into practise. Yet, they are all important to implement, as each category is comprised of God's children. These acts of Mercy also appeal to us not to be judgemental, afraid, or selective in our aid to our fellow person. This is guite the challenge but we are supported by our Lord's response "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40) (Continued on Page 2)

(State Deputy continued from Page 1) May the Lenten season be for us an opportunity to reflect on our ultimate purpose in life, which is to serve God and our neighbour and as Knights of Columbus, to be living witnesses of God's love and mercy.

Vivat Jesus.

#### Denis Carignan

(State Chaplain Continued from Page 1) A seventh work of Mercy has been added to the list found in Matthew's gospel: burial. How is burial a work of Mercy? It comes from the Old Testament in the time of Tobit when the populace was not allowed to bury the dead according to their own rituals and customs. Consequently, Tobit buried their dead in secret. If we have served our neighbour in his living body, we are also called to serve and respect his body in death. How appropriate for us today! St. Paul tells us that life is changed, not ended. Therefore, during this stage in life when the body has died, our love should be reflected in the way we prepare our loved one's body and in how we express our farewells as family and community. What is interesting is this is a universal call to humankind to help our fellow persons wherever they are, whomever they are, or whether we like them or not. Knowingly or unknowingly, we are serving the Lord in all people. Respect for the dead is a sign of our respect for life. What a paradox!

All our actions towards our brothers and sisters are connected to the presence of Christ in our world. We too have to discover Christ's presence in ourselves as in our neighbours. We are all temples of the world and are surrounded in this Holy presence. The world becomes the Tabernacle of the presence of Christ, still suffering, yet raised from the dead.

Our prayers interwoven with faith in service will help people to overcome their challenges just as the Lenten season is challenging us to be present in the midst of our world today. So, pray unceasingly and use words if you must. The Trinity and all the angels and saints are ready to receive our petitions for others or for ourselves at all times. They are ready to give strength and support in our efforts. We are all part of an interwoven blanket that covers the earth, called to love, called to holiness, and called to be Merciful like the Father. He has Risen, Alleluia!

Most Rev. Albert Thévenot, M. Afr.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Wainwright, Alberta

Although the deadline for entries has passed, I'm told that there is at least one team entered from Saskatchewan. If you are interested in participating, please contact Don MacPhee: 780-842-4234 or 780-806-9874 (Cell). He would be able to put you in contact with the person in charge of the Saskatchewan Team. For more information, you can contact me, Denis Carignan.

# **STAR COUNCILS**

The Star Council Award is the highest award a Council can achieve. Councils achieving Star Council are growing councils, who are actively conducting and reporting fraternal and charitable programs. In short, if you achieve Star Council, it means that your council is doing very well and it has a promising future. This is so important for the future of the KofC that, again this year, Supreme Council is offering a \$4.50 per billable member credit on your council's Supreme Per Capita. Last year we had 26 Star Councils. This year we want to equal or better that number. We have identified 50 Councils as potential Star Councils. Many of those councils have already either reached or are close to reaching their membership requirement. Insurance policies can take up to a month or more to process so it is important to contact your KofC field agent as early as possible. Be sure to invite him to all your Degree ceremonials.

Please know that your District Deputy, Cluster Leader, and State Deputy are anxious to assist you in meeting your Star Council requirements.

March 2016

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Order-wide activities are winding up. We started with the Soccer Challenge and went on with Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Basketball Free Throw Championship, Substance Abuse Poster Contest, and the Essay Contest. Councils are reminded to send in the Participation Form for each of the order-wide activity they subscribed to. Aside from being a record of your council's participation in the activity, it provides your District Deputy, State Officers and the Supreme office with a summary of what is happening overall.

I thank all councils who have been filing their participation forms and reporting their monthly activities.

# **BASKETBALL FREE THROW MEDALS**

To get the Basketball Free Throw medals for the winners of the District Competitions contact: Larry Packet – State General Program Director Ph: 306-567-2028 Email: larrypacket@hotmail.com

**Norbert Philippe** 

State Youth Program Director

# **REPORT FORMS DUE**

Thank you to all the councils who are sending in their report forms. A copy of your council's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, enables me to prepare a report that will be presented at State Convention on the charitable giving and volunteer service that the Knights in Saskatchewan provided last year. Saskatchewan KofC have submitted 100% of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (Form 1728) for the past 5 years. Please help us to do so again this year by submitting your 1728 if you have not already done so.

#### DUE DATES

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Semi-annual Council Audit

January 31, 2016 February 15, 2016

#### PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS FORM 4584

When Councils submit this Form, the State Council receives a credit from Supreme. Last year, thanks to this program, we were able to give an additional \$4,500.00 to Special Olympics Saskatchewan. Although the Form was due January 31, Supreme has extended the deadline to March 10. Please send in your council's 4584 before March 10 if you have not already done so.



State Deputy Denis Carigan presents the 3rd runner up International Family of the Year award to the Darryl and Jean Oleksuik family.

# ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT FORM 1728

#### **DUE DATE: JANUARY 31**

For the past 5 years, the Saskatchewan councils have submitted 100% of their Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities. Obviously, all councils are aware of how to complete and submit this report. On line forms are available on the Supreme website.

This report is very important for the following reasons:

- 1. To maintain the KofC Charitable status. This allows the KofC to direct funds for charitable causes that are in keeping with our Christian principles and beliefs.
- 2. To provide data demonstrating the positive impact that the KofC have on communities.
- 3. It is a summary of what your council has accomplished during the course of the year: charitable and council projects as well as donations. This information can be used to evaluate where and how much resources your council is contributing to the various groups and causes that it supports.
- 4. It is one of the requirements for the Star Council Award.

#### ELECTIONS FOR STATE WARDEN

Please remember that this is an election year. We will be electing a new State Warden. If you are interested in submitting your name for this position, please submit an autobiography in which you state your background along with relevant information about yourself. If you need information about this position, please contact the State Deputy or any of the State Officers. Please know that the Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan needs the leadership and commitment of dedicated and competent individuals who are willing to put their time and their abilities to the service of their brother knights and the Order. You will need someone to speak on your behalf at State Convention.

#### INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SUPREME CONVENTION?

Supreme Convention will be held in Toronto Ontario August 2 to 4 this year. If you are interested in running as a delegate, please have someone speak on your behalf. If you have never attended a Supreme Convention, please know that it is a unique and amazing experience. For more information, speak to anyone who has previously attended a Supreme Convention.

# INVITATION TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

This year, State Convention will be held at the Saskatoon Inn, April 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. I invite every council to send at least one delegate to the convention. It is an excellent opportunity to celebrate our successes, renew friendships, and to reaffirm our commitment to the Knights of Columbus. The host committee from Saskatoon is preparing a very interesting program for the Knights and their families. Please join us for a weekend of fraternity and prayer.

#### Family Life Report

Our Supreme Knight has asked us to strengthen our Parishes by building the Domestic Church. A question asked is will this initiative change our Councils? The answer was the Domestic Church Initiative was not designed to change Councils, it was designed to help Councils refocus on the orders mission to strengthen families and revitalize Parish Communities. This is also what Pope Francis wants us to do. Please work and pray on this initiative.

Please send me your Family of the Year as the time is running out. You can send it to me by e-mail or by hard copy. Please do it soon.

#### God Bless,

Family Life Couple, Paul and Dorothy Bruynooghe

#### **MEMBERSHIP 2015-16**

350

194

156

MEMBERSHIP GOAL: MEMBERSHIP TO DATE:

MEMBERS NEEDED BY JUNE 30:

Because we lose, on average, 300 members each year, we need to bring in 350 new members to be net/net positive 50.

Accomplishing this membership goal will:

- 1. Grow our total membership in Saskatchewan for a second consecutive year.
- 2. Ensure the viability of our councils now and for future years.
- 3. Strengthen the Knights of Columbus presence in our parishes and communities.

How will we accomplish our goal?

- 1. Provide strong and relevant council and service programs.
- 2. Demonstrate a positive and enthusiastic attitude.
- 3. Demonstrate genuine pride and commitment to the Knights of Columbus.
- 4. Invite every eligible Catholic man and his family to be part of our great Order.

#### **Church and Vocations March 2016 Report**

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend 2016 "The Spiritual Leadership Role of Dads (and Granddads) in the Life of Family, Church and Society"

Hosted by Father Lawless council #1534 in Moose Jaw on March 4 & 5, 2016

Speakers include:

Bishop Albert Thevenot John Chick Deacon Bob Williston Deacon Joe Lang

Deacon in Formation – Lamont Dyck

#### To register now, contact Registrar, Marcel Gagnon

(306) 692-8458 or email mlkc@sasktel.net

Registration forms are available on the state website.

Holy Family Prayer Program

The prayer program started on Jan. 4, 2016; please check the schedule on the State website to find out when your council will have the Icon. With 4 routes this year and the later start, the dates you have the Icon will be different than last year.

Contact your parish priest well in advance to plan a service for when the lcon is in your council.

Silver Rose Run

We will have the Silver Rose in Saskatchewan from March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 3. I will be contacting grand knights soon to finalize the route for this year. I will be transferring the Rose to Montana near the Port of Climax this year.

Mike Bzdell

**Church and Vocations Director** 

#### **PROGRAMS AND MEMBERSHIP**

In my January message, I explained the importance of both programs and membership for the survival of our Order and for ensuring that the Knights of Columbus continue to be a force for good in our communities and our World. As I review the reports of the programs that were carried out throughout Saskatchewan this year, I can't help but be impressed with the quality of those programs, the number of people whom they benefitted, and the dedication of the brother Knights who carried them out. We can all be proud of what we are doing as Knights. What we need to work on is getting more knights to participate in our charitable and council activities. This means that we must continue to lead by example, but that we must also make a conscious effort to involve other Knights and even other people who are not Knights in our projects and activities. We are doing a great job today, but we must be mindful of the future. It's like raising our children. We want them to grow up sharing those values that we hold as sacred. We want them to be prepared to be good citizens, good parents, and good Catholics. It isn't enough that we're doing okay, we want them to do okay if not better than us. So it is with the Knights of Columbus. We want the Order to continue upholding the principles and values that we hold sacred. We want the KofC to continue being strong and relevant in tomorrow's World. If we are not mindful of this obligation, then we have missed a critical part of our mission as Knights; to ensure that our children and grandchildren will have the same advantages and support as we have.

We have been very busy in all of our program areas: Youth, Church, Culture of Life, Family, Council, and Community. I look forward to receiving your submissions for the Service Program Awards. Please send your submission(s) to one of the program directors, copy to Larry Packet, State General Program Director, and to State Deputy, Denis Carignan no later than March 10. Let's showcase the good programs that we have been doing. Being proud of what we have accomplished is not being boastful, it is inspiring others to follow our example.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1

# REGISTRATION \$25.00

(Poker Hands Included) 8:30 am-10:00 am at St. Vital Church, #11 - 18th Street East, Battleford

# START TIME 10:30 am SUPPER & REFRESHMENTS (Included in Registration)

# 5:30 pm-7:00 pm at St. Vital

For Information Contact MARC GROSJEAN 306-441-1144

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# THE SHINING AMOUR AWARD

The Shining Armour Award Program is designed to get new members actively involved within their councils from the very beginning. It is important that new members know about this program as soon as they join the Knights of Columbus.

To establish the Shining Armour Program, Councils need to do the following:

- 1. Order Shining Armour materials from The Supreme Supply Department:
  - a. Shining Armour Flyer #4297
  - b. Shining Armour Qualification Card #4292

For new members achieving the Shining Armour Award:

- a. Certificates of Recognition #4293 (.25 each)
- b. Shining Armour Lapel pins #1700 (3.00 each)
- 2. At each First Degree:
  - a. Explain the program requirements to the new members.
  - b. Provide them with the Shining Armour Flyer and the Qualification Card.
  - c. Encourage the new members to sign up a friend.
- 3. Follow up:
  - a. Contact the new member to see how he's doing and to invite him to your council meeting and/or a council activity.
  - b. Encourage his sponsor to mentor him or assign a mentor for him.

Remember that personal contact is the most effective way of letting your new member know that his is a valued member of your council.

# PLEASE VISIT OUR SASKSTATE WEBSITE (www.kofcsask.com)

Our website contains a wealth of information that you will find interesting and useful. Here is some information that you will find:

- Membership Incentives for 2015-16
- Incentive for Recruiters Monthly Draw form to be sent to Joe Riffel
- Calendar of State Council Events
- Schedule of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees
- Hockey Draft
- Celebrity Dinner information and Sponsor Form
- The State website also contains pictures of Knights in Action. We invite you to send pictures of KofC events in your community and your council to Pat Meuse and/or Morris Lucyshyn. They will display them on the website.
- There is also a space titled "We the Knights of Columbus Pray for the Following:" Here again, we invite you to send Pat and/or Morris the names of Knights and/or their families who are in need of our prayers.

You are also encouraged to visit the Supreme website regularly. (www.kofc.org) On the Supreme site you will find virtually everything that you would want or need to know about the Knights of Columbus. These two websites are invaluable resources. The more you use them, the more indispensable they will become for you.

FEBRUARY CHALLENGE GOAL: 32 NEW MEMBERS REPORT OF FIRST DEGREES								
DISTRICT LOCATION COUNCIL BERS TOTAL NEEDED								
32								
9	Weyburn	1731	2	2	30			
28	Saskatoon	8215	1	3	29			
17	Prince Albert	8547	1	4 28				
6	Swift Current	3031	9	13	19			
4	Moose Jaw	9760	1	14	18			
4	Lafleche	3878	2	16	16			
28	Saskatoon	11429	3	19	13			
28	Saskatoon	10580	1	20	12			
26	Saskatoon	13129	1	21	11			
25	Saskatoon	12740	1	22	10			
26	Saskatoon	11888	1	23	9			
15	Battleford	5626	1	24	8			
1	Regina	4704	11	35	-3			
2	Regina	9859	1	36	-4			
2	Regina	13214	4	40	-8			
3	Regina	10401	1	41	-9			
3	Regina	10797	3	44	-12			
16	Shellbrook	9761	1	45	-13			

Congratulations and Thank you to the councils who have participated or will be participating in a First Degree during the month of February. We have exceeded our goal of 11% or 32 new members this month. We have a total of 194 new members so far this year and we are now on pace for Circle of Honour. I wish you all the best as you work towards Star Council.

# Saskatchewan Catholic Summer Camps

When planning your annual Youth Program, consider including activities to support a Catholic summer camp in your area. Support them in their fundraising efforts. Ask them if they need volunteer assistance for fund-raising projects or preparing the camp for the next season. Talk to your parish priest to determine if some local youths in need might benefit from a sponsorship to attend a camp session. It's a wonderful way to provide our youth with healthy exercise in a setting where our faith is celebrated.

<b>MAJOR DEGREE SHEDULE 2015-2016</b>						
DATE LOCATION HOST DIS- TRICT CO/PFC						
03-Apr-16	Meadow Lake	19	Saskatoon	Carignan/Carignan		
24-Apr-16	Saskatoon	26, 27, 28	Saskatoon	Devon/Deutscher		
1-May-16 Regina 1, 2, 3 Regina Devon/Granatier						

# **40 CANS FOR LENT**

Hunger knows no season. As the economy sputters along many people are going hungry. Fortunately, through our Food for Families program, the Knights of Columbus is in a position to help.

Councils should reach out to parish food pantries, community food banks and soup kitchens and collect nonperishable food at weekend Masses. Many grocery stores will allow the collection of food outside of their stores. The key is to ask — and to work within the parameters that the store manager has established. The goal is to help keep food pantries well-stocked all year round. Also purchase — or secure through donations — enough food to prepare a meal at a soup kitchen or in the parish hall.

During Lent, conduct a "40 Cans for Lent" program in your council and parish. The goal of this program is for each council member and each parishioner to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent.

As an incentive, the Supreme Council will count a qualifying Food for Families program as fulfilling all four of the Family Activities requirements for the Columbian Award. In order to qualify, councils must meet the minimum requirements (a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food collected and distributed and 100 man-hours of service in the preparation/ distribution/service of meals to needy people), then complete and submit the Food for Families report form. Also, out-line the details of your council's Food for Families program on your Columbian Award Application (due by June 30, 2016). All of these forms can be easily accessed at www.kofc.org/forms. Contact Jason Porrello, program manager for Food for Families, with any questions you may have at 203-752-4571.

# **ATTENTION GRAND KNIGHTS & FINANCIAL SECRETARIES**

Please check your council's roster on the Supreme site to verify your members' status. Some councils have found that some of their members who had received their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees were recorded as First Degree members. Whenever there is a change of a member's status, for example, he obtains a higher degree, the financial secretary has two options: 1) Send the information on a Form 100 indicating the date that the member was initiated to a higher degree. 2) A Financial Secretary can just go on the Member Management portion of the Supreme web site and enter the Date of the Degree. They do not have to send in a form 100 anymore.

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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CONDUCTING FIRST DEGREES

Never have a prospective member wait or travel a distance to receive his First Degree. Therefore, your council should schedule regular and frequent First Degrees and every council should have its own First Degree Team.

Have a positive attitude and a well prepared team ready to conduct First Degrees. This is the first impression that a new member will have of the Knights of Columbus so you want him to feel that he is joining a good organization of dedicated and caring men.

The following three options for conducting First Degrees are listed in order of preference:

- 1. A First Degree Team who conducts the ceremonials by memory.
- 2. A First Degree Team who reads the parts.
- 3. A First Degree Team who uses the First Degree Video.

To conduct the First Degree without using the video, you will need the necessary First Degree paraphernalia. All necessary supplies are available for purchase from:

Enterprises Roger Sauve Inc.,

6546, Saint-Hubert, Montreal

Quebec, Canada H2S 2M3

(514) 270-1211 or 1-888-266-1211

http://roger-sauve.com

For a list of necessary supplies, please contact State Deputy Denis Carignan.

To conduct the First Degree using the video, you will need the following:

- 1. The Ceremonial baldrics (Order them from Roger Sauve)
- 2. The jewels of office for:
  - a. The Grand Knight
    - b. Deputy Grand Knight
    - c. Chancellor
    - d. Financial Secretary
    - e. Warden
    - f. Inside and outside guards
- 3. The Constitutional Roll
- 4. The Candidates' Kit #537 (Includes: rosary, These Men They Call Knights (937), Shining Armour Award, Lapel pin, Membership Document (#100), New Member Travelling card (4817), First Degree certificate (268)) You should also order an Honoree scroll (271)
- 5. The Compass of Virtue.

The video "First Degree Ceremonial Production" is available on the KofC Supreme Website. District Deputies were also given a DVD which includes a very good video on Conducting First Degrees. This is also available on the Supreme website.

For any information or assistance on conducting First Degrees, please contact Denis Carignan.

# **40 BUCKS FOR LENT**

The Knights of Columbus is asking those considering a Lenten sacrifice to give "<u>40 Bucks for Lent</u>" and to use the hashtag #40BucksForLent to help Middle Eastern Christians and other religious minorities suffering religious persecution there.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510 (203) 752-4000 March 2016

#### STATE ROUNDTABLE REPORT

The Parish Roundtable can gather people in their community, assist family life, welcome people and help them to be involved in their neighbourhood and society. No organization in the Church today is better suited to aiding the parish in their mission than the Knights of Columbus. This is why our strategy of a parish-based Roundtable in every parish is enjoying so much success. Father McGivney's vision for a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish has placed our Order at the centre of the Church's undertaking today.

Both our existing programs and our future initiatives carry out the work of new evangelization in our Church. No other organization today can make the impact that we can make at every level of the Catholic Church. Our resources and our solidarity with our Bishops and Priests and our founders continued intercession make the Knights of Columbus central to the renewal of the Church.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to say a special "Thank You" to all the councils who have already formed a Roundtable in their respective districts. Please find attached a copy of the Roundtables that have already been registered with the State and Supreme. Your overall generosity in helping your neighbouring parishes is very much appreciated.

As you can see in the report, there are already 20 Roundtables towards this year's goal of 50. With four months to go, and everyone's concerted effort, I am very confident we will achieve this total.

I am also once again including a copy of the guidelines for those councils who are now in the process of establishing a Roundtable in their neighbouring parishes. Brother Knights, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email. My contact information is on top of page 10 of the state directory.

Vivat Jesus Jim Stoffel

# ROUND TABLES GUIDELINES

• The Grand Knight of the Council must initially meet with the pastor and ask him Father, What can the Knights of this parish do to help? The ultimate aspiration of any Parish Round Table remains the same "to serve as needed and when needed by the Parish Priest".

• The Grand Knight explains that the Round Table initiative provides the opportunity to support associate parishes with council programs readily available as outlined in the "Surge With Service" booklet.

- All members of the sponsoring parish council are now members of the Round Table.
- There are no elective officers in the Knights of Columbus Round Table.
- The Grand Knight appoints one Parish Round Table Co-ordinator for each designated Parish.
- The appointed co-ordinator is the only officer.
- The Co-ordinator should meet frequently with the priest to determine the programs the priest wishes to conduct.
- The Round Table has no dues, no regular meetings or collects any funds.
- Round Table projects are completely separate from Council projects.

Only two forms are required for this program – the Report of the Round Table Co-ordinator (Form No. 2629) should be completed by the Grand Knight as soon as possible on-line at koc.org or a hard copy forwarded to me by mail at 3010 Ash Place, Regina, SK S4V 2C8 or fax to 306-585-0411 or if you prefer to email them to me at <u>stoffels@sasktel.net</u>. The second required form (Form No. 2630) Round Table Annual Report which outlines a variety of activities can be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Vivat Jesus Jim Stoffel

# ROUND TABLE CHALLENGE

As of February 1, we had 20 round tables in Saskatchewan. Supreme has asked us to register at least 50 Round Tables before June 30. That means that we are looking for 30 more Round Tables. I want to start by explaining what Round tables are about and why we should have them. It is important to have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish, however small. Many parishes are too small to sustain a KofC council. However, the parish priest who serves that parish and the parish community needs the help and support that can be provided by Knights of Columbus. There are already Knights in some of these parishes. That's good. Forming a Round Table formalizes the Knights presence. All that is required to form a RT is 1 Knight who agrees to be the RT coordinator. Then, all that is required is for the RT coordinator or another Brother Knight to complete a Round Table report before June 30. No meetings, no other forms, no executive. Please consider having at least 1 round table for your council. Please email or phone me if you have any questions.

Thank you for supporting our priests and the small parishes in your area.

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# STATE WEBSITE

Our State Website located is at www.kofcsask.com. It opens on the Home Page (Picture to the Right). It consists of the Menu on the left side, links and articles on the right side and a quick menu on the bottom. From any page you can always select the Site Map from the Bottom right of the page (Picture bottom right) The site map gives a listing of all the pages and links on the web site. Simply click on the link to go to that page. On the home page you can click on any of the menu items on the left side. These will bring up a sub menu (picture below left of the Programs/Organizational Meeting submenu. To go to the submenu item, simply click on it and that submenu item will open up (picture of Monthly evaluations submenu Below Centre). If you cannot find something on the State Web Page, please E-mail me at wpmeuse@sasktel.net and I will help you.



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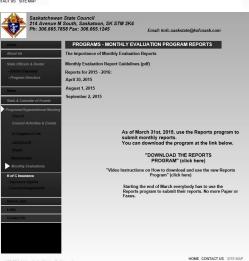
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#### The Spiritual Leadership Role of Dads (and Granddads) in the Life of Family, Church and Society

Friday: Registration from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1064 3rd Ave NW Mass 7:15 P.M. – St. Joseph Church – Bishop Albert Thevenot / State Chaplain Social 8:15 – 9:30 P.M. (Entertainment 8:30 – 9:00 P.M.)

Saturday: Late Registration - 7:30 to 8:30 A.M.

Program – 8:45 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. (Lunch, Coffee, Snacks Provided) St. Joseph Parish Mass – 5:00 P.M. – All Are Invited to Attend



# Featuring John Chick of the Saskatchewan Roughriders

Other Speakers:

Bishop Albert Thevenot /State Chaplain Deacon Bob Williston – Diocese of Saskatoon Deacon Joe Lang – Diocese of Regina Deacon in Formation – Lamont Dyck – Diocese of Regina Student Panel Talking About the Impact of their Dads and Granddads in their Lives

Who may Attend: Open to all men of faith ... bring your friends

Rooms are set aside at: Various Hotels in Moose Jaw - List of Hotels Attached

Direct Inquiries to: Planning Committee Chair, Adolph Rossler - (306) 692-7106 p.a.r@sasktel.net

K of C Men's Enrichment Weekend c/o Registrar, Marcel Gagnon 52 Buttercup Crescent, Moose Jaw SK S6H1A4 Phone: (306) 692-8458 Email: mlkc@sasktel.net

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# HOLY FAMILY PRAYER PROGRAM GUIDELINES-Appendix 1

The Holy Family Prayer Program will begin this year with four routes. The schedule indicates the dates that the lcon will be in your parish. We allotted four days per visit and have included Sundays on the schedule. If a council would like to hold a celebration on a Sunday either before or after a Sunday Mass, it would be up to that council to make the necessary arrangements. The following guidelines will help to ensure that the program is successful.

DD's are responsible for the timely exchange of Icon and to keep it on schedule

Inform your pastor of the dates that the Icon will be present in your parish

Set a time and date for the Holy Family Hour of Prayer

Publicise your prayer celebration in your parish bulletin

- Contact the council that has the lcon just before you to find out the time and place of their prayer celebration
- If other councils or round tables are not listed we encourage you to invite them to join in your celebration
- Attend the prayer celebration of the council scheduled before yours, at which time you will bring the lcon, the log book, and the prayer books to your parish
- Invite the council next to yours on the schedule to your prayer celebration. If that council is not participating then invite the next council
- Be sure to fill out the log book with your council's name, location, date the service was held and the number in attendance
- Be sure to give the log book, prayer books and lcon to the council scheduled after you

If there is a conflict with other events in your council you may switch times with another council

If each council follows these guidelines, the Holy Family Prayer Program will be a successful and spiritually enriching experience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Mike Bzdell at 306-545-9963 or email me at mbzdell@sasktel.net

For the schedule go to http://www.kofcsask.com/new\_state\_web\_layout\_july\_22\_2014\_010.htm

# WHO ARE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

Most Reverend Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

"There's no lay organization in the world that does more important apostolic service than the Knights of Columbus. Any Bishop will tell you that, because it's true. When Knights live their vocation, they're a witness of Christian manliness, and we need a lot more of that special kind of witness urgently. We need men who know how to be real men, men who serve and lead as Christian husbands and fathers. Programs and resources are important and the Knights do that sort of work better than anyone else. But the real gift that the Knights give to the Church is their lives and their love for Jesus Christ. Nothing is more powerful."

### MASTERS REPORT

This letter is similar to my January report. We continue working on recruiting members into the 4th degree. I believe that this message needs to be repeated again.

I remind everyone to work at recruiting brother knights into the fourth degree. Our Supreme Master's wish is that all Brother Knights are to become Fourth Degree Knights. Note that any 3rd degree member in good standing can join without a waiting period. Below is a list of planned exemplifications in our district. Plan to take a candidate to one of these exemplifications.

April 23, 2016	F.N. James Grill	306 546 4590
May 7	F.N. Paul Mamer	306 365 2162
May 28 June 11	F.N. John Starosta	306 652 2793

#### Join Us - the Time is Now

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- To be a strong role model. The need for strong role models has never been greater, that's what the Patriotic Degree represents.
- **To live, serve and protect the Truth.** The Patriotic Degree is the pinnacle of Knighthood. We live, serve and protect the Truth.
- **To consider the Patriotic Degree.** If you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, it's time for you to consider reaching even further with your faith. It is time to consider the Patriotic Degree.

#### Visions & Goals

- Standing Firm in Support of the Order Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the
  personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer
  leadership, guidance, and encouragement.
- Proudly Serving the Country Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.
- Unwavering Support of the Faith Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.
- Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

I encourage each and every 3rd Degree member to join the 4th Degree, obtain your Honour Guard Regalia and participate wherever and whenever you can. It will definitely make you proud to be a Knight of Columbus of the highest order and to complete your journey into full Knighthood. Our district membership is 1453 members, an increase of 19 from last year. If we all work hard we should be able to do that again.

#### Think about this - WHO HAVE YOU ASKED TO JOIN THE 4th DERGEE?

Quoted from Father Nestor's online Lenten study for the Saskatoon Diocese, "Plan to have a meaningful Easter. The forty days of Lent always leads to the three days of Easter." With that said, Marjorie and I wish everyone a fruitful Lenten journey and a most Blessed Easter. **God Bless**,

#### Master Ray Gehlen

Note: this online study is available to anyone if you go to **saskatoonrcdiocese.com**. Go to **Ministries** and then dropdown menu **Scripture Resources.** 

# SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Sask K of C Charitable Foundation has had a very successful start in 2016.

#### Contingency Project: Seminarian Kelly Aalbers.

Kelly Aalbers is a member of Denzil Council 3920. In September 2015, Kelly joined the Companions of the Cross as a Seminarian. He is now living in Ontario and will be attending Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Kelly is the grandson of Marvin and Patricia DeSchryver.

#### **Refugee Relief**

We have raised funds for refugee relief and would like to disburse these funds to immigrant families that have joined our communities through the sponsorship of Parishes and/or Councils.

Please provide us with information including the names of the new family members, organizations offering financial support, etc. prior to March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We will allocate the funds prior to month end.

Send us this information by e-mail to kcfoundation@sasktel.net.



#### Memorial Fund Contributions

The Sask K of C Charitable Foundation would like you to say a special prayer for the following Brother Knights & friends that recently passed away:

Leo Schmid Watson Frank Lacher Moose Jaw Grant Meier Moose Jaw Abel Gaudry Bernie Salewich Saskatoon

Moose Jaw

Andrew Bisskey Moose Jaw Peter Daratha Unity

These departed individuals will also be included in our Memorial Mass Celebration.

#### Council Donations – February, 2016

- 19 Councils have donated to the Charitable Foundation in 2016
- 4 Councils have already exceeded 100% of their goal of \$7.00/member
- We have received a total of \$22,811.00 or 32% of our total goal in the first two months

The top ten Councils for donations in 2016 are listed below.

	Council	Ranking		Target	Donated	%
District	Number	Feb'16	Jan'16	Amount	to Date	of Tar- get
14	Macklin 5474	1	1	\$ 868.00	\$13,000.00	1498%
28	Saskatoon 8215	2	2	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 6,328.00	321%
20	Wakaw 5976	3	3	\$ 217.00	\$ 300.00	138%
23	Watson 5850	4	4	\$ 287.00	\$ 355.00	124%
2	Regina 13214	5	139	\$ 1,204.00	\$ 1,000.00	83%
16	Spiritwood 5353	6	5	\$ 406.00	\$ 334.00	82%
4	Moose Jaw 9760	7	112	\$ 588.00	\$ 400.00	68%
15	North Battleford 2094	8	6	\$1,050.00	\$ 400.00	38%
26	Saskatoon 11888	9	8	\$ 581.00	\$ 200.00	34%
14	Denzil 3920	10	33	\$ 427.00	\$ 100.00	23%

#### **Membership Director report**

Membership. Membership. Membership. We all seem to talk a lot about membership. It is an important part of the Order. But why.... Is it for numbers alone? No. But... We as Knights can't do what we do alone. We need help. Our Parishes are asking for help. Our communities are asking for help. Families are asking for help. And that is what we do. Yes, we know some members are getting older, others have passed away. So, we continue to look for new help. But, we need to show we have things for these new men and their families to help with. Does your council have projects going on that a new member can help with? Can the new member come to the council with a new project to work on? Has your council considered asking a man (non-member) to assist at a function, working beside the Knights as show him what we do as a group of men, sharing in the fraternity and the personal satisfaction of doing good works.

As we look for new members, do we recognize that some have lots of time to share, and others have little time to share? This is how life is, married or single, or a version in-between. We must offer them all the opportunity to join, helping out when they can, not always when someone expects them, is part of a volunteer organization.

As I mention new members, has the council looked at members from the past? We know some members in the past left for various reasons. But maybe something has changed: a new job or different hours, retired, kids have grown up, sports activities have changed, many things. SO consider inviting these past members to return to the Order and join us again.

As we enter March, March is one of the 2 months Supreme asks every council to perform a Church Blitz. In previous newsletters I have reminded you of what you need to order, I have referred to both the State and Supreme Websites for information so you have the information you need. Now we need everyone to do it. And to help, in the Regina and Saskatoon areas, we have asked our Supreme MPC Guy Precourt to do some extra Membership Blitz training with some Leaders in the areas. The process will explain: basic information to the various Parish Priests of what we are trying to accomplish, and to the various council members "Why & How" we are going to accomplish it. So we are expecting every council to identify a minimum of 2 prospects per person helping in the Blitz. And hopefully we can get most of the prospects to become members. Food for thought: if every parish in the district held a blitz on the same weekend, it is possible to have an informal open house session right after mass, which can be followed by a 1st Degree at a central location to take all candidates to while the energy is still present. Get them while they are excited to join.

I am hoping for a strong finish as we did last year. I do recognize it took a lot of work and effort, and it is appreciated. But we need to continue hard to the finish line if we wish to repeat last year's goals and make sure Saskatchewan has more members at the end of the year than when we started. Let's keep Saskatchewan growing! Until next month, keep up the GOoD work.

Joseph Riffel

#### State Membership Director

# **CHURCH DRIVES**

The weekend of March 12/13 is the Orderwide Church Drive. Each Council should be well into planning for a successful Drive. If March 12/13 doesn't work for your Pastor/Chaplain or your Council, please schedule a Church Drive on a weekend near those dates.

Regina and Saskatoon have begun their planning with the assistance of MPC Guy Precourt. MPC Guy was in Regina January 12<sup>th</sup> and Saskatoon on the 13<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Church Drive Leaders and begin preparations for City-Wide Church Drives Feb 20/21 in Regina and March 12/13 in Saskatoon. MPC Guy will be back in Regina for Chaplains Evening/Social Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and will conduct an all-day hands on skills training session for the Regina Church Drive teams the morning/afternoon of Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. He will back in Saskatoon to do likewise for a Chaplains Evening/Social on March 11<sup>th</sup> and the all-day skills training session on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The objective of a Church Drive is to get 10 prospect cards filled out for each Mass. If you have a Church Drive team of 5 Knights all they need to do is collect 2 prospect cards each.

Please order supplies now for your Church Drive. Involve your Pastor/Chaplain in planning the dates and taking an active role in the events/announcements. And please schedule one-on-one visits or an open house for the prospects immediately following the Church Drive.

It is important to schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees now, to be held within 2 weeks of the Church Drive All the best to all Saskatchewan Councils for a very successful Church Drive!!!

# State Treasurer and State Charity Appeal

Worthy Brother Knights,

Thank you to all the Financial Secretaries who promptly sent in their January payments of State Per Capita and Bishop's Mission Fund. Remember, all assessments (Per Capita and Charity Appeal) must be paid by a council to be in "Good Standing" for voting delegate status at the upcoming State Convention in Saskatoon, April 8-10th.

Second notices have been sent out to Councils that have outstanding balances for Per Capita and Charity Appeal assessments. It is important to pay all assessments to State Council because these assessments are part of our budget to pay for many necessary State programs.

The dues that are collected from the members should include the assessments For State and Supreme Per Capita, Bishop's Mission Fund, Liability Insurance and Property Insurance (optional), District Deputy fund assessment, postage and other financial secretary supplies, convention delegate assessment, and chapter assessments if applicable. Councils need to collect at least \$38.00 in dues in order to break even. Also, make every effort to collect dues from your members promptly so that they will not be in arrears for any length of time. Visit members who don't pay immediately to avoid larger problems later.

Charity Appeal tickets and Council Rebate checks will be handed out at the State Convention. All members are assessed \$1.00/member for Teen-aid and \$1.00/member for Special Olympics. The amount is taken off the Council's Gross rebate, but councils that do not sell tickets are assessed these amounts and councils need to pay them out of council funds. This is why selling Charity Appeal tickets is an excellent way to pay for two worthwhile causes (Teenaid and Special Olympics), and to get back a rebate that can be used for a charitable cause in the community.

This year, the Charity Appeal Banquet and Draw will be held at Leoville Community Centre in Leoville on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend as the food, the dance and fraternity will be excellent.

It is important for all knights to practice the principles of the order in our communities through our actions and good works. The principles of our order not only support this year's extra-ordinary year of mercy proclaimed by Pope francis, but also this year's State Convention theme, 'Be Merciful as Our Father Is Merciful'. Just think of the difference we would make if all 10, 500 knights were actively involved in the church and in the order.

Councils that have questions about the Charity Appeal, State Council Assessments or any State Council Financial matter can email me at <a href="mailto:cpbencharski@hotmail.com">cpbencharski@hotmail.com</a> or phone me at 306-240-8872.

Yours Fraternally, Chris Bencharski State Treasurer

#### FATHER LAWLESS COUNCIL 1534 INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT EVENT

I encourage all Christian men or anyone wanting to learn about parenting in the Christian context, to consider attending the Men's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend on March 4 & 5, which will be hosted by State Council and Father Francis Lawless Council of the Knights of Columbus in Moose Jaw. The theme is The Spiritual Leadership Role of Dads (and Granddads) in the Life of Family, Church and Society. You can go to our website below and find all the information you need to register. It just so happens that John Chick, formerly of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and who also happens to be a proud dad and husband, will be one of the featured speakers. Other speakers will include Bishop Albert Thevenot from Prince Albert who will open and close the weekend. Deacons Bob Williston and Joe Lang who fulfill the role of both clergy and dad, and in Bob Williston's case, also granddad, will offer their perspectives. To top it off, both deacons have some musical talents, which they will integrate throughout their talks. We will also have a deacon in formation and a dad, Lamont Dyck, who will be sharing his insights as a father of a little girl and his role of being a husband and dad. We have a great line-up of presenters as can be noted on the poster and registration, both of which are on the website. We will also be honoured by the presence of the Knights of Columbus State Deputy, Denis Carignan, who will speak to those gathered at this important event. You don't want to miss this one! Click here for more information: http://www.kofcsask.com