

CEREMONIALS

Greetings Brothers:

The Ceremonials team is off to an early start this year, having celebrated our first, Formation (2nd) and Knighting (3rd) Degrees of this Columbian Year on August 14th. We had 12 brother Knights (and one priest by observation) proceed to their full Knighthood in the 3rd Degree.

Plans are under way for the next Formation and Knighting Degrees to be held on Saturday, October 15th at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall (host: Archbishop Alfred A. Sinnott Council). Details will be found on the Manitoba State website soon. (www.mbstkc.ca)

The location for the French Degrees on November 19th has been determined and details will soon be found on the Manitoba State website.

We are still looking for councils (with their District Deputy) to host degrees on December 10th and January 28th (as well as other dates later in the Columbian year).

We are also interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join the Degree team.

Please contact myself or the Manitoba State Office (ph: 204-663-8022 or email: mbstkc@mymts.net) if your council is interested in hosting the Formation and Knighting Degrees on any of the TBD dates on the Manitoba State website or if you would like to recommend someone for the Degree team.

Thank-you all,

VIVAT JESUS!

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State Program Director's Report

Brothers in Christ,

At the program meeting in Dallas, emphasis was placed on the **Domestic Church Program**. This program is basically getting councils to focus on helping their parish in spirituality and in fellowship formation. Any one of our council's programs can easily fit with any of our parish or community programs or events. We do not want to duplicate or take over any of the parishes' programs or events, but we want to support them in any way that we can.

Grand Knights, please talk to your chaplain and/or parish priest and ask how the council can help them (not tell them what we'll do). The parish council should be included in any event planning that the council is planning. In turn, the parish council could suggest to the Knights how the parish knights could be of service to the council. (A good way to start is for the Knights to have representation on the parish council.)

Always make sure that the council gets as many parishioners to help with council events. This will help the council to achieve: 1- **Promotion** (The parishioners and the community will better know what the council Knights do.) 2 – **Recruitment** (It will be easier to recruit new members if they are already involved.)

Also use your council's programs as a retention tool. Get the members that are not that involved or don't come to meetings, to help at the event. Some members don't like to get involved in planning or attending meetings, but most likely these members will gladly help out at events.

Grand Knights have been given a **leadership** calendar. Please use the calendar to list your events and any parish or community events (you don't want to duplicate or have more than one event during that day) also the calendar has sections to enable the council to calculate its program results. This will make reporting a snap. Having good programs and reporting them to state and supreme, helps everyone grow and build up the Knights. The six main programs have been chosen to help grow the council and the Order. Use them to help your council become a Star council.

Please use the training that the Supreme Membership Programs Consultant is presenting, to grow your council. You have received a package of the relevant programs if you need help feel free to contact myself or any Director or Chairman. We need to grow the membership and to keep our parishes more active.

Vivat Jesus

Claude Lagace
Manitoba State Program Director