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ORAL REPORT
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How many Past Presidents are at convention today? Please stand. Just your being here is an indication of the dedication you have for the League. You are an inspiration to others who are currently serving or perhaps those who may be thinking of taking on a position. Through your service, you have provided guidance, leadership and I am sure learned much along your journey. Now in your Past President capacity, you can mentor, mould and influence the members in your council and speak from experience what the League has to offer. As Past Presidents you continue to be leaders not only in your councils but at the various programs and activities you attend throughout the year. Just seeing you there is a testimony to the League and for everything our members do "for God and Canada". Thank you.

Past Presidents are charged with updating and maintaining council archives. Many of us may have boxes filled with memorabilia such as wedding invitations, children's programs, special anniversaries and of course tons of photos. All of these are cherished as wonderful memories, but, will never be looked at because of the daunting task of going through the material. Your council's archives are your permanent history not only to your council but could very well be a valuable resource to your diocesan and provincial councils. As provincial past president, I have had the privilege of typing the history of Manitoba Provincial Council for the website and to assemble the last decade of history. Those pages are filled with members and councils accomplishments; they record those who have left us; document who has served; acknowledges your charitable contributions but most of all brings back wonderful memories and the women who have served before us. I am honoured to have served along side some of the women documented in our historical records. It is never too late. Take those boxes and start to organize. If as a Past President, this isn't your interest, organize an Archives Committee. It is always more fun to work with others, enjoying some cookies and perhaps a glass of wine.

Please refer to the 10year update of Manitoba Provincial Council History. Check the website for the complete history when the website goes live. Thank you to those councils who submitted photos for the 70th Anniversary Slide Show. I hope you enjoyed the presentation.

Another fun activity and yes it can be fun – there is always more fun in numbers – is to gather a group and study the *Constitution and Bylaws*. This document outlines the rules and structure of our organization. An additional document, the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* provides policy and works in tandem with the *Constitution and Bylaws*. As members of the League we are regulated by these documents. They help us conduct our business; provide a source for our collective efforts through service and outlines procedures to follow such as the election process. We all work better if we know what is expected of us. Going one step further is for each diocesan and parish council to have their own Manual of Policy and Procedure to outline and record those policies pertaining to your council.

In closing my message is that as Past Presidents you have a very important role to play in the success of the League and your council. Please continue to be involved and interested in all the League offers in Manitoba.