

Knights of Columbus

Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107



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Grand Knight's Report



My Fellow Knights

We are now well over half way thru Lent, the time for us all to spend time in prayer, fasting, and in sharing (or alms giving as I was taught so many years ago.) The great celebration of Easter will soon be upon us and I am hopeful that there will be less snow at Easter than at Christmas.

It seems that it is becoming tradition to host our Degree Ceremony at the end of March near the anniversary date of the Knights of Columbus. For those that witnessed and/or went through our March 28 Degree Ceremony it was a powerful event. I urge all major degree members to observe the event and those that have not taken their major degrees to plan to take their 2nd and 3rd degrees in the near future. In both instances you will be renewed in the spirit of charity and fraternity.

Again this year we and the CWL are hosting the Reception after the Easter Vigil. This will be a "classy" event. Last year there were close to 150 guests that attended the reception. It is a wonderful evening to celebrate Easter, welcome new members to our parish, and build community. We will be cooking and serving finger food and manning the wine bar so please consider attending the Vigil and then assisting in this event.

In the coming month we have several events that

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Manitoba State Annual Meeting

Victoria Inn

May 1, 2 & 3

Schedule of Activities

Friday 7:30 PM – Rosary for Peace

Friday 8:30 PM – Icebreaker

Saturday 8 AM – Memorial Mass

Saturday 9 AM – Meeting

Saturday 6 PM – Formal Banquet

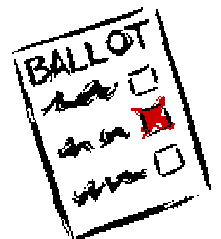
Sunday 8 AM – Meetings

Sunday 11 AM – Mass

Sunday 1 PM – Family Brunch

Trustees Report

Council elections will be held at the regular Council meeting on May 13th. In the next month, some of you may be asked by the Nominating Committee if you are interested in presenting yourself for a position on the Council executive. This is an opportunity to gain experience in administration as well as a perfect opportunity to help out your Council. Please say YES!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COLUMBUS COURTS DIRECTORS' MEETING

COLUMBUS COURTS
WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST, 2009
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

GENERAL MEETING

ST. JOHN BREBEUF: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH, 2009
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION

PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2009
FOLLOWING THE EASTER VIGIL

ICCD MAJOR DRAW

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH, 2009
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA COUNCIL #10569

CAPTAIN MILES MACDONELL FUNDRAISER

BLESSED JOHN XXIII PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND, 2009

EXECUTIVE MEETING

SJB PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND, 2009
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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MANITOBA STATE COUNCIL

86TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
MAY 1, 2 AND 3, 2009
VICTORIA INN

FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION

SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2009
ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH HALL

COLUMBUS COURTS DIRECTORS' MEETING

COLUMBUS COURTS
TUESDAY MAY 12TH, 2009
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEETING

ST. JOHN BREBEUF: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH, 2009
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MANITOBA STATE PRO LIFE MARCH

THE FORKS
THURSDAY MAY 14TH, 2009
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

MANITOBA STATE FAMILY DAY

HARBOURVIEW RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
1867 SPRINGFIELD ROAD
SUNDAY MAY 24TH, 2009

EXECUTIVE MEETING

SJB PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY MAY 27TH, 2009
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107 Executive for the Columbian Year 2008-2009

Grand Knight	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Deputy G.K.	Lawrie Caron	885-1047
Chaplain	Msgr. Ward Jamieson	
Fin. Secretary	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Treasurer	Aurèle LeClaire	489-6996
Recorder	Gordon Danylchuk	475-8330
Advocate	James Rodrigues	488-2157
Chancellor	Michael Garlinski	255-5195
Warden	Jack Blair	488-2201
Inside Guard	Marcel Lauzé	489-4266
Outside Guard	Todd Dobson	489-0335
Trustee 1 yr.	Bob Girouard	488-2968
Trustee 2 yr.	Dan Shepherd	488-4636
Trustee 3 yr.	Ben D'Souza	489-6602
Program Director	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Church Director	Lawrie Caron	885-1047
Community Director	Todd Dobson	489-0335
Council Director	Mike Garlinski	255-5195
Youth Director	Dave Bruneau	487-6495
Membership	Bob Girouard	488-2968
Family Director	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Lecturer	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Public Relations	Paul Mazur	489-4433
Pro-Life Director	Todd Dobson	489-0335
Columbus Courts	George Ferris	981-7305
Bulletin Editor	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Webmaster	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
District Deputy	Dan Shepherd	488-4636

Grand Knight's Message

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will provide opportunities for fellowship and provide service to our parish.

Our last Pancake Breakfast will be held after all the Masses on April 26. I will be circulating a worksheet in the upcoming weeks for you to select a task and shift that works best for you.

The annual Knights of Columbus State Convention and Meetings will be held the weekend of May 1 – 3. I am in the process of finalizing 5 Entries for the various Service Program Competitions to showcase the events we hosted this past year. Unfortunately the Convention is on the same weekend we have been asked to provide lunch (hot dogs) for the annual Friendship Celebration for those that will be receiving their first communion and their sponsors /family. Several of us will be at the convention so we require your assistance. Can you help? Let me know.

The end of April will be a sign that we must begin planning for the next year beginning in July. Elections for the various positions will occur in May and I ask each of you to consider taking on an Executive position. The success of our council is dependent on ensuring that we rotate men through the various positions to allow fresh ideas while reducing the risk of always having the same personnel on the executive. Please be open to taking on a role in the executive.

With the end of the ICCD ticket sales I extend a very sincere thank you George Ferris, Bob Girouard, and Garry Back for their hard work and commitment in coordinating this major fund raiser. I also extend thank you to all members, wives, and friends that took a shift at Grant Park or Price Choppers.

I wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.

Vivat Jesus,

Grant Nazarko, Grand Knight

Youth News

Friendship Celebration

This year, families of children preparing for First Eucharist will take part in a Friendship Party on Saturday, May 2nd from 10am to 1:00pm at St. John Brebeuf. This is an event with fun and learning for the children who are on the journey to First Eucharist. The children and their parents will engage in various activities that help them prepare for First Communion.

The friendship celebration will end with a hot dog lunch catered by the Council 1107. Please come out and help make this a success.

First Communion

The Council will be giving rosaries to all the First Communicants on the weekend of May 9th and 10th.

Knights of Columbus Charity Drive

1 st Prize	2009 Chevrolet Uplander Van
2 nd Prize	\$10,000.00
3 rd Prize	\$5,000.00
4 th Prize	\$3,000.00
5 th Prize	\$2,000.00



Tickets - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Thank you to all you helped out with the selling of tickets during the week of March 22nd. During the same week, we were able to obtain floor space at "Price Choppers" on Pembina Highway. With the extra effort by Council members we should be getting close to attaining the same amount of sales as we did last year. This is going to go a long way to assist us in fulfilling the demands of the Charities who rely on us for benevolence.

REMINDER: All books of tickets should now be returned to the Council. We have to turn over all books to the Manitoba State Council no later than April 11th for the draw which will be held on April 18th.

Major Draw - April 18th - St. Charles Church Hall

FOR SALE

One Money Making Machine

Oh, if only we could purchase a machine where we could insert blank paper in one end and \$100 bills would come out the other end.

What price would you put on it? Could you put a price on it?

But suppose for a moment that there was such a machine available and you owned it. Wouldn't you want to protect it from all hazards such as fire, earthquake, hurricanes, theft, breakdown, etc.? Sure you would!

In fact, isn't everyone a "money machine?" We use all our talents, skills, education and disciplines to "manufacture" money.

What will happen to the production of this money if you "break down"? If your ability to make money is destroyed by an untimely death, how will your money machine be replaced?

With a properly prepared and coordinated life insurance program, you can continue the flow of money to your loved ones at the time of your death.

ISN'T IT TIME TO GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AGENT!

John Rydzygowski 589-5831
john.rydzygowski@kofc.org

Artarama 2009

13th Annual Art Exhibit and Sale

Mary Mother of the Church
85 Kirkbridge Drive

Friday April 3rd, 2009 5 to 9 PM
Saturday, April 4th, 2009 10 AM to 7 PM
Sunday, April 5th, 2009 10 AM to 4 PM

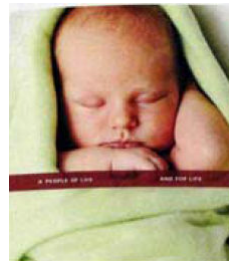
Sponsored by Our Lady of the Prairie Council #5264

Pro Life March

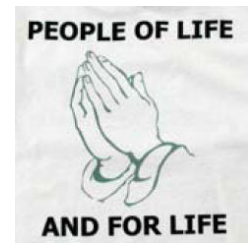
Thursday, May 14th

Leaves The Forks at 6:00 PM and
marching down
Broadway to the Legislature

T Shirts are available for purchase.



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Please contact the State Office for
information at 663-8022

Council Website

The website is a good place to get all the latest news concerning the Council. New information is added every week. Please check often for new updates. Many pictures from recent activities are available to view on the web site. Don't forget to use the web site to nominate someone for family of the month. The address is

<http://www.kofcwinnipeg.org>

Any suggestions for content or pictures to add to the archive should be sent to jbrekelmans@shaw.ca.

A Message From the Supreme Secretary

Last August, the delegates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting reaffirmed the Order's longstanding commitment to the Church's teaching on life and marriage by unanimously approving Resolution 302, which established the Culture of Life Fund and a special assessment of \$3.00 per member. It was anticipated that this Fund would support a broad range of initiatives that advance the Culture of Life. I am happy to report that the Fund has done just that. Two programs, one to assist men and women to cope with the traumatic aftereffects of abortion and divorce and one to help men be better fathers have been introduced. To date, the response to these initiatives has far surpassed our expectations.

In addition, our financial support last fall was vital to the passage of constitutional amendments protecting the sanctity of marriage in California, Florida and Arizona. Today, 30 states have such amendments. In January, we implemented our new initiative helping state councils provide pregnancy centers with ultrasound machines. The Supreme Council partnered with local Knights to put this lifesaving technology in the hands of pregnancy centers in both Iowa and Florida. On a national level, the Board of Directors recently voted to provide financial support to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a newly formed Task Force whose purpose is to promote the Church's teaching on marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Knights of Columbus has always been deeply committed to promoting racial equality and defending religious liberty as a basic civil right. In the United States today, the abortion lobby has indicated a desire to move the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) through Congress. This radical piece of legislation would not only expand abortion "rights," but also force medical personnel, morally opposed to abortion, to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. In Canada,

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Supreme Secretary Message

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the Parliament has witnessed the introduction of a private member's bill that would legalize euthanasia across the country. On these and a host of other issues affecting the Culture of Life, the Knights of Columbus must be ready to educate the public about the need to support policies and legislations that protect human life from conception to natural death.

Please remember that contributions to the Fund from councils or individual members remain in the country of origin and will only be used for projects in that country.

Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree Assembly co-ordinates an annual major fundraiser for Catholic education. The fundraiser takes the form of a Dinner and Draw as well as a major sponsorship initiative to help a particular Catholic school in our jurisdiction.

Captain Miles MacDonell Assembly #370
Knights of Columbus

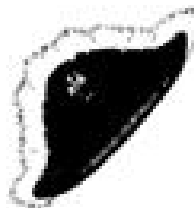
33rd Annual Dinner and Draw For Catholic School Education

2009 recipient of funds will be:
Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009
Blessed John XXIII Parish Auditorium
3390 Portage Ave., Winnipeg

Dinner and Draw ticket: \$50.00
Draw only ticket: \$25.00
\$20.00 tax receipt provided

Contact: St. John Brebeuf Office for tickets



Hats Off

Congratulations to Brother **Bob Girouard** who nominated Knight of the Month for February.

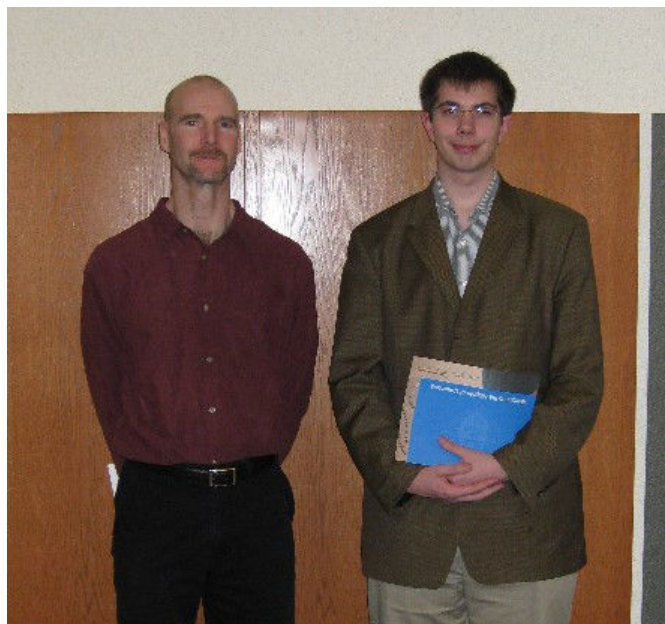
Easter Vigil 2009



Holy Saturday
April 11th, 2009
Mass 8 PM
St. John Brebeuf Church
Reception to follow
St John Brebeuf Parish Hall
Hosted by Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf)
Council #1107

Welcome

Welcome to our newest members **Alan Simoens** (left) and **Michael Willcock** (right) who were exemplified in the first and major degrees on March 28th.



Membership Update

by Bob Girouard, Membership Director

Congratulations to **Alan Simoens** and to **Michael Willcock** who were exemplified into the First Degree of the Order on March 28, 2009.



Also, Congratulations to **Alan Simoens**, **Michael Willcock** and **Jim Morkin** who were exemplified into the 2nd and 3rd Degree of the Knights of Columbus on March 28th.

I would like to thank Grand Knight, Grant Nazarko, and his team for all the work and effort in organizing the First and Major Degrees on March 28th. Nineteen men were received into the Order and twenty five first Degree Knights took the Major Degree. Registrations were in charge of Brothers Joe Brekelmans, Jack Blair and Michael Garlinski. Hosting was done by Brother Lawrie Caron and District Deputy, Dan Shepherd. Brother Eddie Melo provided the lunch. I would also like to thank the First Degree team of St. Ignatius of Loyola Council #5808 who imparted the Degree of Charity to the new members. Manitoba State is very pleased with the hospitality demonstrated by members of our Council. We demonstrated once again that we can host a memorable event for all the new Knights.

I would also like to remind our members that there is still 3 months left in the fraternal year to ask an eligible Catholic man to join our Order. There will be another 1st Degree, hosted by St. Emile Council on May 23rd. Let's finish the year in grandiose style by achieving double Star Council status.

Good of the Order

If you or someone in your family is ill and you would like to have their name printed in the bulletin, please contact the editor, Joe Brekelmans at 488-3892 or jbrekelmans@shaw.ca.

If you know of a Knight or family member who is sick or has passed away, please contact Brother Leonard Schmidt who will arrange to send a get-well or sympathy card.