



“Manitoba News”

Manitoba State Council - Monthly Bulletin - April 2009



From the State Deputy's desk

Brother Knights and Families,

Being that the Manitoba State convention is a month away, I encourage all councils to send delegates to this convention. The convention could be viewed as a reward for all of the hard work that the council has done over the year.

The convention is also a time to enjoy friendships with your fellow knights. I certainly would like to see every council represented.

I am very pleased to see that membership in the Knights of Columbus continues to grow in the province. The following are some of the successes in the past two months.

On February 21, St. Anne's Council #10551 hosted first, second and third degrees followed by a wonderful banquet. Thank you to Grand Knight Len Mariash, Past State Deputy and Vice Supreme Master Marcel Wozny for coordinating an excellent event. We welcome the 25 new brother knights that joined our Order on that day. All degrees were in honor of Past State Deputy Eugene Cherwick KCSG.

On March 7, St. Joseph's Council #11006 hosted first, second and third degrees conducted in French. Again the degrees were followed by an excellent banquet. Eight new brother knights were welcomed into the Order. Thank you to Grand Knight Denis Ouellett and District Deputy #17 Charles Parent for organizing a memorable event for all.

Following a mass, Pine Falls Council welcomed 4 new brother knights on March 10. Thank you to the first degree team from Beausejour Council #5870 for conducting the ceremony.

On March 15, Morden/ Winkler & District Council #10153 initiated 4 new brother knights into their council. Congratulations to Morden Council. It is good to see this council on its way to becoming active again. Thank you to the first degree team from Portage la Prairie Council #5264 who travelled to Morden to conduct the degree.

Also on March 15, 15 new brother knights were welcomed by Bishop de Mazenod Council bringing their

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From the State Chaplain's Desk

**Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Khrystos Voskres! Voisteny Voskres!**

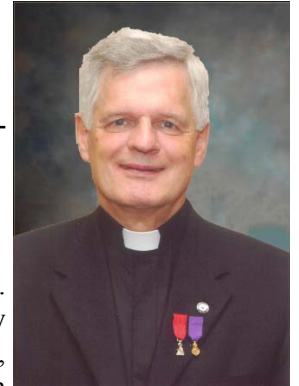
Dear Brother Knights and Families:

Its been a very long and cold winter. Thanks be to God spring has finally arrived, a time of hope, new life, and optimism. Although it has been cold, in the councils of our Knights of Columbus, it has been warm, good things were being accomplished, new members were being recruited and during the great Lent our Knights and their families were making their journey through Lent so that they may in fullness celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Christ is Risen, a joyful event in our Christian life especially today when everything seems to be doom and gloom. From the tragic Good Friday afternoon to the glorious and triumphant Easter morning – how different the feeling, how good and positive. St. Paul, mindful of this contrast, cries out that if there be no resurrection in Christ, then vain is our faith. But he adds that Christ is risen from the dead and therefore we, too shall rise and be made alive in Him through Him.

Christ is truly risen! Therein lies our personal rebirth for time and eternity. Faith is an act of trust which pervades all personality of the believer and enters into his entire manner of living. That's the secret, that we must have trust in our Lord and also in our selves. This is the time that we need to put our trust in the **CHRIST WHO IS RISEN**, who through our own faith will rise us up from whatever situation we find ourselves in. Easter is the most blessed time of the year and it means that life has a purpose for every one of God's creatures.

Shortly following our Easter celebrations, we will meet at convention to listen to all the reports and accomplishments of our councils in our Manitoba State. This will also be a time of rejoicing for all the good things done by our Brother Knights in the various areas of their programs. It will be a joyful time to meet, as it was when the Risen Lord met with His disciples to bring them good news, as our Brother Knights will bring good news to all at the con-



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total to 39 new knights this year. Thank you to Former Master Tom Kraemer and the first degree team for conducting the degree.

As you can see, many councils have found new candidates. Keep in mind that your council will survive if **you** put every effort to recruit new members. To date Manitoba has recruited 197 new knights. We have just 3 months to reach our goals. Let's put our best effort to make this a banner year for Manitoba. Remember that if you do your part, you will succeed in "Building a Better World."

May you have a Blessed Easter. I will see you at the Manitoba State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

State Chaplain's message continued

vention. Let's aim for that!

On behalf of our Honorary State Chaplain, His Grace Archbishop-Metropolitan Emeritus Most Rev. Michael Bzdel and myself we would like to express to each and everyone of you our sincere best wishes for a Blessed and Holy Easter. May the Risen Lord bless all our children, your families and our Order. May we all truly celebrate this "**GREAT DAY, THE FEAST OF FEASTS**". May the peace, joy and love of the Risen Christ be strengthened in each one of us today and for always.

Christ is Risen, rejoice and be glad!

Vivat Jesus!

Msgr. Michael Buyachok, State Chaplain



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree CARDINAL MCGUIGAN PROVINCE District of Manitoba



Our Sir Knights are looking forward to participating at the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba's Caritas Dinner, the Manitoba State Convention and our Spring District Meeting of Faithful Navigators and Captains May 3rd, 2009.

Our assemblies are now busy approaching possible candidates. We are actively pursuing not only Fourth Degree candidates but also those who show interest in joining our Order in the first degree. We know this type of recruitment benefits the entire order and creates future prospects for us the Patriotic Arm.

Our Sir Knights will be seeking the support of the Grand Knights in this endeavor to enhance our membership. We will be seeking that opportunity to promote the Fourth Degree at council meetings. Remember we are all brother knights – a team working together for the betterment of our churches and communities. Remember my comments at those informative seminars, it is a fact that once a Knight has joined the ranks of the Fourth Degree he seldom leaves the Order, Fourth Degree members add stability to council memberships.

EXEMPLIFICATION- JUNE 13, 2009
Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Hall
289 Dussault Avenue (St. Boniface) Wpg.

Vivat Jesus!

Marvin Lucyk, Master

Membership Report

Membership Report cont'd.

Special Member Incentive in Manitoba State!

For every member that you recruited since July 1st, your name is placed into a draw for one of 20 \$25.00 cheques. The draw for the first 10 cheques will be held on May 1st. Another ten draws will be made on June 30th. Why not make that special effort to sign up a new member and at the same time you may beef up your wallet.

Special Order wide Grand Knight Quarterly Incentives!

For every council that recruits five (5) new members gross between January 1 and March 31, 2009, its Grand Knight of record will be entered into a drawing for one of 20 \$100 Visa® Gift Cards. Each grand knight whose council nets five new members during every quarter of the 2008-09 fraternal year will be entered into a grand prize drawing for one of two \$500 Visa® Gift Cards. Another added incentive for Council Membership Directors is that they will receive 500 Recruitment Reward Points for every new or readmitted member recruited in the Council from July 1, 2008 to February 28th, 2009, provided that the Council attains the Fr. McGivney Award for membership net gain growth. A new incentive, which has just been announced, is that for every new member recruited during the March 1st to June 30th, 2009 timeframe, **recruiters will receive double Recruitment Reward Points. That is 1,000 points for each new member proposed by June 30th.**

Membership Madness

How are you doing with our contest? There is only a short time left to complete the

paper work to register the members that you have recruited during the month of March. **March Membership Madness** will end on March 31st. You will have until April 14th to ensure that your new recruits are registered on the Supreme roster. At that time the top Council, in recruitment activity, in each of the ten "brackets" will be awarded a \$25.00 cheque from the State Deputy.

Otherwise, we are doing very well with our efforts to attract new members to the Order. In the last month, I have attended two First and Major Degrees. It is gratifying to see the successful degrees that were held at St. Anne's Council #10551 and St. Joseph Council #11006. Since then, I have heard of many Councils who have conducted First Degrees. Many Councils are conducting pulpit presentations followed by a Membership Blitz. Everything is falling into place to launch a Spanish Council at Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción in St. Boniface. A large First Degree is scheduled for that parish on March 22nd. There is also a lot of interest to launch a Knights of Columbus Council in other areas in the province. I implore you to use the three months remaining in this fraternal year to make the extra effort to ask qualified Catholic men to join our Order. Our churches have a great need for men of faith and action to continue the work of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Bob Girouard, Membership Director



Happy Birthday
to
Joe Stangl, PSD
90 years young

Congratulations

Andre Cossette is the #2 Insurance Agent (to date) Order wide.

Cleo Castillo is the #9 Field Agent.

Family of The Month

Congratulations to Brian Adams and family (Holy Family Council #8499) who has been chosen by the Supreme Council as Family of the Month for the month of January 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following councils have achieved (or exceeded) their quota as of March 18, 2009.

St. John Brebeuf Council #1107	100%
Goulet Council #3681	150%
Cook's Creek Council #7002	140%
Charleswood Council #7523	120%
Fathers A & J Kulawy #9790	228%
St. Anne Council #10551	160%
Bishop de Mazenod #11115	650%
St. Peter's Council #12319	112%

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Brother Knights who have celebrated
50 YEARS OF SERVICE
in the Knights of Columbus in March

Athanese Lavoie - Conseil Sts-Martyrs #6885
Willis Bolduc - Deloraine Council #6647
Donald Bolduc - Deloraine Council #6647
Kenneth Bolduc - Deloraine Council #6647



MANITOBA STATE COUNCIL MAJOR PROJECT

The Knights of Columbus has teamed up with Wheelchair Foundation Canada, which is involved in an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one.

For more information visit the Manitoba State Website at www.manitobastatecouncil.ca or the Wheelchair Foundation website at <http://www.wheelchairfoundation.ca>

Knights of Columbus

Family Day

*To be held on
May 24, 2009*

*Harbourview Recreational
Complex
1867 Springfield Rd.*

*Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips
& Drinks will be served.*

*Kid's fun golf, soccer, lawn
bowling, paddleboats &
more.*

Congratulations

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother Gordon Evers from St. Timothy Council #10247 as the **Knight of the Month** for April 2009. Submission deadline for Knight of the Month for May is April 15, 2009.

Manitoba State - Calendar of Events

First Degrees / Premier Degrés

March 28, 2009

Hosted by: Winnipeg (St. J. Brebeuf) Council #1107
Degree: 9:00 a.m.
Contact: Grand Knight Grant Nazarko (204) 489-3748

May 23, 2009

Hosted by: St. Emile Council #8221
Degree: 9:00 a.m.
Contact: Grand Knight Nae Narine (204) 254-5087

If you are having a 1st Degree please inform the State Office.

Major Degrees/Degrés Mjeurs:

March 28, 2009

Hosted by: Winnipeg (St. J. Brebeuf) Council #1107
Major Degree: 12 noon
Contact: District Deputy Dan Shepherd
(204) 488-4636

May 23, 2009

Hosted by: St. Emile Council #8221
Major Degree: 12 Noon
Contact: District Deputy Gil Dupuis (204) 253-2912

NOTICE: If, while you were attending the French Major Degree on March 7 in Letellier, you accidentally exchanged a leather jacket that does not belong to you, please call Ed at (204) 256-4941.

Dates to Remember

ICCD Tickets - This is a reminder that the deadline to submit all tickets is April 11, 2009. They may be dropped off during regular office hours (Wednesdays & Thursdays) or all day Saturday, April 11th. For further information please call Claude Comeault at 253-7979.

ICCD Major Draw - April 18, 2009

Hosted by Father Allen Hall Council #8604
For further information please contact Grand Knight, Eugene Phaneuf (204) 837-6704

31st Annual Caritas Award Dinner, Thursday April 23, 2009. L'Arche will be honored with the Caritas Award. For further information or to arrange for tickets, contact The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba at (204) 233-4268 or e-mail: cfm@mts.net.

Manitoba State Convention, May 1, 2, 3, 2009 at the Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, MB.

Pro-Life March, May 14, 2009 - Details to follow.

Knights of Columbus Family Day - May 24, 2009

To be held at Harbourview Recreational Complex
Celebration of Life, May 25, 2009 - to be held at St. Boniface Cathedral with His Grace Emilius Goulet presiding. Further details to follow.

49th Annual Field Day Mass - International Peace Gardens - to be held on Sunday, July 12, 2009
Rosary - 11:45 a.m., Mass - 12:00 Noon

NAME TAGS

Any council wishing to purchase name tags may do so by contacting:
Chappellez's Trophies
207 Rosser Rd., St. Francois Xavier, MB
R4L 1A4
Phone/Fax 1-204-864-2501
E-Mail: chapellazs_trophies@mts.net

First & Major Degrees

We are looking for councils to host First and Major Degrees! Contact Manitoba State Council at (204) 663-8022 in order to schedule the degrees for the year.