



“Manitoba News”

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From the State Deputy's desk

Brother Knights and Families,

Among nature's most delicate gifts are snowflakes. Just like people, each one is different from others. When was the last time that you took a handful of snow flakes and formed a snowball? Have you watched children roll a small snowball into a bigger ball and created the body and then the head of a snowman?

In many ways, snowflakes are similar to Knights of Columbus members, local councils and the state council. Each member is a unique individual. Each council is similar but yet different from other councils.

A council is strengthened when new members are added just like the snowball. Our state council is strengthened each time that we add a new member or a new council. But like the snowflake everything starts with the new member.

Fortunately, are councils do not “melt” every spring like snowmen, but they may fade away if they fail to stay healthy and don't constantly add new members. **A council that is aging and not adding new members every year is like a snowman in the spring. Eventually, the council will melt down and disappear.**

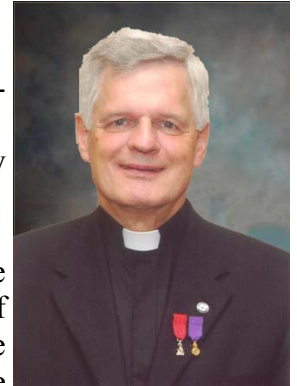
Congratulations to Grand Knight Sergio Relucio and the members of Bishop De Mazenod Council #11115 for winning the Contest of Champions Award for the 2007/2008 Columbian year. Percentage gain for membership was 420%!

On October 25, Fathers A&J Kulawy Council #9790 hosted the first, second and third degrees followed by a mass and a wonderful banquet. Twenty-seven new brother knights received their first degree and forty-three brother knights took their second and third degrees. Congratulations to Grand Knight, Ted

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From the State Chaplain's Desk

Dear Brother Knights and Families
Christ is Born, Let us glorify Him



So many years ago on the first Christmas night an angel of the Lord God appeared to the shepherds with this incredible news – **‘DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS, OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE – TODAY AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN HISTORY TO COME. FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID, IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, AND TO THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU A KING, A SAVIOR, A FRIEND TO EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW HIM.**

Much could be said about this incredible news that was first heard so many years ago, but the greatest miracle for us today is that **this great incredible news is still alive – THAT IS THE MIRACLE.**

After what history has gone through – the difficulties of the early church – the many schism – the splintering of the Faith – those who are trying to erase the meaning of Christmas in our times – there are still billions of people like you and I that still believe that still have hope despite of everything, that still want to share in the message of the Christ Child that peace, love and hope are still alive.

There are many difficulties out there in the world, the many we already know, and now a new one which is unparallel since the great depression, the global financial crises that's affecting so many.

Christ's gospel. Let us also look for **peace** in our homes, communities, our churches, schools, government, but especially within our self, that I need not be afraid when I walk with Christ. We also need to look for **goodness**, being reassured that God created

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Jendras and District Deputy, Stan Morga.

Also, I extend congratulations to Grand Knight, Jim Dyck and District Deputy, Wes Shewchuk for hosting the first, second and third degrees on November 1 in Brandon. Knights participated in a mass and then enjoyed an excellent banquet. Eight new brother knights received their first degree and fifteen brother knights took their second and third degrees.

In both degrees, many young brothers joined our ranks. This is very encouraging for their councils and the Order. It is good to see that many rural councils are finding new brother knights. I congratulate these councils on their efforts to recruit.

As the Christmas season approaches, remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Margaret and I along with our family would like to wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Christmas season!

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Kustra, State Deputy

State Chaplain's message continued...

everything that was good - humanity has destroyed God's goodness, let us try to make everything good again. Lastly we need to share ourselves with others as **GOD SHARED WITH US HIS BELOVED SON**. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life." During this Christmas, may we share our goods with the less fortunate, our time and talents so as to bring joy to others, sharing of our time and ourselves with those who are ill, the lonely, the forgotten.

Let us go to Bethlehem, as St. Luke invites us, indeed let us go to Bethlehem, the Bethlehem of our hearts, our soul, our goodness, our sharing and caring, our love. There we will find Jesus - **IN THE BETHLEHEM OF OUR HEARTS**.

Once again as State Chaplain, and on behalf of our Honorary State Chaplain, Archbishop-Metropolitan Emeritus Most Rev. Michael Bzdel we wish to extend to each and every one of our Brother Knights and their families, especially the ill in the hospitals or shut-ins, a very blessed and Holy Christmas filled with good health, peace and joy. May the upcoming new year 2009 be a very special year for all of you, filled with many good things, blessings and graces from God who loves all of us. May the blessing of Christ the Savior be with all of you especially during this joyous time of Christ's birth.

**Christ is Born - Let us Glorify Him-Christos
Narodewsha!**

State Membership Report

Brother Knights

As the Fall Seminars have wound down, I have a much better appreciation of the dedication and enthusiasm of my Brother Knights from across the province. Some Councils drove 150 kms in order to attend our seminar. This is what I call dedication to the fraternity. At all the seminars, we experienced a warm reception and a very honest exchange of ideas.

I am sure that you are all aware that this year, membership growth is the prime goal of the Manitoba State Council. I am particularly pleased with the Councils who have taken this objective seriously. We have seen limited success with the fall membership blitz. Equally as important, the blitz is a good way to place the Order in the forefront and to inform the parishioners of our good works and our support for the church. If you did not have time to organize yourself for the fall membership blitz, now is the time to start thinking about the spring membership blitz. Don't wait until it is too late to begin the process. Remember - *Tempus fugit*.

Once we have completed the membership blitz, I will suggest another effective method of enrolling new members. This is a program that works well with our brothers in Ontario. This plan of action is called the **FNR program**. This stands for **FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND RELATIVES**. This one-on-one recruitment strategy is a proven method of growing the Order. As we go about our daily life, we come into contact with friends, neighbours and relatives. These individuals are prime candidates for our recruitment drive. You are a member of the Knights of Columbus because someone asked you to join! And now...you have the privilege of asking another Catholic gentleman to join the Knights! And where are you going to find this person... **F.N.R.** Start NOW to make your list of potential contacts that you will be asking to join the Knights of Columbus!

The membership team consist of the entire State Board, Brian Ross, Zenon Scraba and Richard Benoit. Finally, if you would like help with some recruitment strategies, please do not hesitate to call me or any other member of the membership team.

Fraternally,

Bob Girouard, Membership Director

Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

CARDINAL McGUIGAN PROVINCE
District of Manitoba

Tuesday November 11, 2008 Remembrance Day we Honoured our servicemen who fought and died in past and present wars. This yearly State Event this year was hosted by Canon Luhovy Assembly and was held at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated by State Chaplain Rt. Rev. Msg. Mitrat Michael Buyachok, Father Isadore Dziadyk Pastor St. Nicholas Church and Rev. Deacons Victor Humniski and Stefan Tyrawski.

The Remembrance Ceremony was quite elaborate encompassing all 33 Sir Knights who attended.

Thanks to FN Ron Michalishyn and all the Sir Knights and Ladies of Canon Luhovy assembly. To Sir Knight Don Buccini who played the Last Post and Reveille and to Jamie Kubasiewicz an accomplished piper who played the Lament. Thanks to our State Treasurer SK Merlyn Onyschuk for reading Banyon's Verse and also thanks to the Vice Supreme Master Marcel Wozny and Lady Verna for attending this very special event.

Our State officers and their Ladies were lead by our State Secretary SK Guy Precourt who laid the wreath for Manitoba State.

Special thanks to my Marshall SK Arley Corbett who had the task of directing us into our proper locations and delivering a lot of information in a short time span- it was a job well done.

A great thanks to all the Sir Knights from the various assemblies who generously took the time to participate it was truly a great site to see so many attend. This one will surely be put on file for future reference.

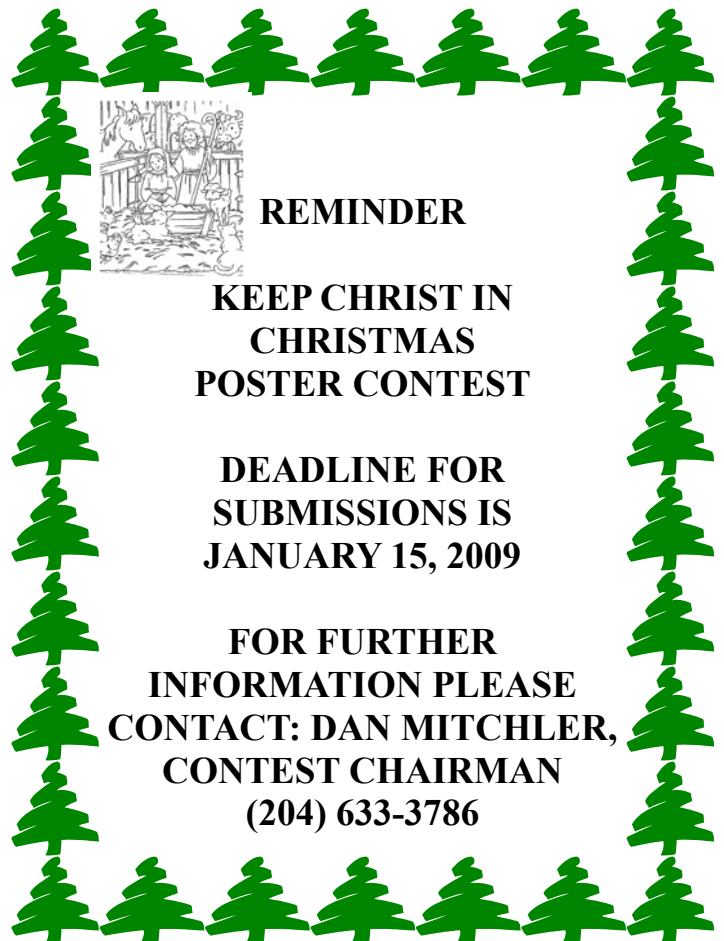
Gloria and I wish to extend sincere best wishes to all Brother Knights and your families. May you all have a joyous and Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Marvin A. Lucyk, Master

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Hubert F. Brodeur	James V. Mahon
Msgr. Michael Buyachok	Roman Buchok
Myron Kruk	Samuel Glowa
Ted Klym	Joe G. Gregg
Brownie Kaczor	Vladimir Solman
Antoine Desrochers	Norman Sexsmith



REMINDER

**KEEP CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS
POSTER CONTEST**

**DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSIONS IS
JANUARY 15, 2009**

**FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT: DAN MITCHLER,
CONTEST CHAIRMAN
(204) 633-3786**



IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Phillipe & Danièle Hutlet on the birth of their daughter **Danika Mireille** born on October 31st, 2008. Danika weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. Danièle was the former secretary at the Manitoba State Office.

Manitoba State - Calendar of Events

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>

First Degrees / Premier Degrés

December 1, 2008

French 1st Degree

Hosted by: Goulet Council #3681

Degree: 7:00 p.m.

Contacts: Grand Knight, Philippe Lessard 237-1141
District Deputy, Roger Hupé 799-6259

March 28, 2009

Hosted by: Winnipeg (St. J. Brebeuf) Council #1107

Degree: 9 a.m.

Contact: Grand Knight Grant Nazarko (204) 489-3748

Major Degrees/Degrés Majeurs:

March 28, 2009

Hosted by: Winnipeg (St. J. Brebeuf) Council #1107

Major Degree: 12 noon

Contact: Grand Knight Grant Nazarko 489-3748

Dates to Remember

ICCD Tickets - If more tickets are needed for your council, please do not hesitate to contact State I.C.C.D. Chairman, Claude at the I.C.C.D. office at (204) 669-7947 or at home at (204) 253-7979. Early and frequent remittance of sold tickets would be appreciated.

ICCD Early Bird Draw - January 25, 2009

Hosted by St. Claude Council #7766, St. Claude, MB.
For further information and tickets please contact Grand Knight, Marcel Lesage (204) 379-2196

Manitoba State Curling Bonspiel - Feb. 27, 28 & March 1, 2009

Hosted by Brandon Council #1435

Deadline for entries is January 15, 2009

For further information contact:

Bruce Ray (204) 726-0013 or

Nelson Hysak (204) 726-4746

ICCD Major Draw - April 18, 2009

Hosted by Father Allen Hall Council #8604

For further information please contact Grand Knight, Claude Lambert (204) 832-1338

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: cfmb@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.

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

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.