



# “Manitoba News”

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## From the State Deputy's desk

Brother Knights and Families,

As I write this message, the economic situation is dismal to say the least. The numbers of unemployed in Canada for January were staggering. Companies are downsizing or even closing down in alarming numbers.

Will the economic situation have an impact on the Knights of Columbus? I am sure that it will. Past history indicates that during these difficult economic times non-profit groups like the Knights of Columbus do come to the forefront. There will be more need for our charity whether monetary or through our volunteering.

Last year knights gave \$145 million in contributions and offered 68 million hours of volunteer service. I am sure that knights will be challenged in these tough economic times to match the contributions of last year. Hopefully, new ideas will come forth and the contributions will continue to rise as in the past.

However, the **amount of time that knights give to charity** is an area that will need to be increased. On January 23, 2009 Carl A. Anderson spoke on: Volunteerism: America's Economic Recovery at Fairfield University. In that presentation, the Supreme Knight said “Although this may not be a time in which many of us can make dramatic increases in financial contributions to charity, we can all afford to give something extra of our time – which is to say, we can all give something more of ourselves.”

This means that **every brother knight needs to do more** volunteering. Often, it amazes me to see so many of our Honourary Life members still very active as knights. We can all learn from these senior members what it means to be charitable.

The Supreme Knight has proclaimed this year as the Year of the Volunteer. Therefore it is important

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## From the State Chaplain's Desk

Brother Knights and Families,

Since my last message to you in February, a few things have changed on the world stage. Most significant is that the United States of America has a new president who is promising change, hope and a friendlier America. Our own Canadian government came down with a new budget to help the struggling economy here in Canada and also promising hope, change and a better life for all. We hope and pray that they can deliver and bring peace and stability to the world.

Better than two thousand years ago, a child was born sent to us by God, who also promised ‘new vision, hope, peace and love’. When we speak about the “newness” of Jesus, this does not mean that he was simply a very interesting personality or someone with a fresh perspective, like for example the new president of the United States. Rather, Christ is utterly unique as Lord and Savior. In accordance with God's mysterious plan for the salvation of the world, the eternal Son of the Father, none will ever equal or replace Jesus. All sorts of leaders throughout history have come and gone, both in the religious and secular, but none will ever be like Jesus. Our faith resoundingly attests that there is ‘NO OTHER NAME’ by which we can be saved (Act. 4:12). The “newness” of Christ is also understood as a revelation of the Father's love. In his plan of redemption, God prepared the world for the coming of Christ through the ages. Even in the hearts of those who did not know the living God, he awakened a longing for his presence. God revealed himself to the Chosen People, teaching them through the prophets to hope for definitive deliverance.

Our we not blessed that we have Jesus as our Lord and Savior, that He never changes, that He is always the same “YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER”! In the secular world we always have to wait for good leaders, but in our spiritual world, we are guaranteed for all times a leader who always cares, protects, provides and promises an eternal kingdom.

As Knights of Columbus, we live our Christian

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that we become more charitable and it also means that we need to work even harder to recruit new brother knights. Remember that Father McGivney brought men together to help the widows and those in need during hard times. Now is the time we need to bring more men together to help those in need during these rough times. The more knights that we have the more we can do for charity.

The hope is that the recession does not last too long. In the meantime, we knights must go the extra step in our volunteering efforts. Let's prove that we really understand and practice the first principle of our Order in these trying times.

Vivat Jesus!  
Larry Kustra  
State Deputy

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witness as the Holy Father has called us to do by witnessing to love in every aspect of our lives – from our families, to our work, and to our church. We are called to do good and the Kingdom of God will be realized in our midst, and if we act according to self interest then we will help to destroy the world. The Kingdom of God, “is not of this world, but it brings to fulfillment all the good that, thanks to God, exists in man and history. If we put love of our neighbor into practice, according to the Gospel message, then we are making room for the lordship of God, among all His people. That must be the goal of all our Knights, to call all people, that there be “one fold under one Sheppard”.

As we continue during this time of lent, in preparation to the glorious feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, let us live joyfully the ‘NEWNESS’ of life imparted to us. May the light of Christ shine ever more brightly in our hearts as we continue to do His will.  
May the good Lord bless you all –  
State Chaplain, Msgr. Michael

# Knights of Columbus

## Fourth Degree

### CARDINAL MCGUIGAN PROVINCE

### District of Manitoba

I did not think this was possible for me but I have suffered a period of inactivity. The cold weather and travel conditions of January and February curtailed many scheduled activities of our assemblies.

The break has enabled District Marshall Arley Corbett and myself the ability to schedule a few more visits to assemblies above the ones we had planned as renewal programs.

We are now in full speed ahead in preparation for the Master's District Meeting May 3, 2009 and of course our Exemplification on June 13, 2009.

Material has been prepared for Faithful Navigators, Former Vice Supreme Masters and Former Masters and will be mailed out in early March.

On February 27<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege to visit with my Brother Sir Knights in Brandon where I participated in Manitoba State's Curling Bonspiel. This was not only a time to exhibit our prowess as curlers but a good opportunity for me to meet and observe the Sir Knights of Archbishop Sinnot Assembly #372 as they performed their duties at this popular State function.

Worthy Brother Knights of the Third Degree just a reminder now is the time to extend your Knighthood to the Fourth Degree. Join our group of energetic Knights who have attained Full Knighthood and who devote their time and efforts to two factions, the hard working Third Degree and the Patriotic Visible Arm of the Fourth Degree.

Exemplification is June 13, 2009. I urge all Grand Knights to take this opportunity to enhance your membership by creating more Fourth Degree Knights in your ranks. As statistics show when a Brother Knight becomes a Fourth Degree he seldom leaves the order. This is the stability any Council would relish and welcome.

Vivat Jesus!  
Marvin A. Lucyk, Master

# CONGRATULATIONS

The following councils have achieved (or exceeded) their quota as of February 12, 2009.

St. John Brebeuf #1107 (100%)

Goulet Council #3681 (137.5%)

Fathers A&J Kulawy #9790 (214.2%)

St. Anne Council #10551 (120%)

Bishop De Mazenod #11115 (400%)

St. Peter's Council #12319 (112.5%)

# CONGRATULATIONS

To the Brother Knight who has celebrated  
**50 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
in the Knights of Columbus in February

**Gustave C. Wruck**  
**Lac du Bonnett Council #7548**



## 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](http://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.*

# Family of The Month

Congratulations to Walter Wagner and family (St. Timothy Council #10247) who has been chosen by the Supreme Council as Family of the Month for the month of December 2008

# Congratulations

Manitoba State Council has chosen Brother Thomas Bodie from Holy Eucharist Council #11330 as the **Knight of the Month** for March 2009. Submission deadline for Knight of the Month for April is March 15, 2009.

# Manitoba State - Calendar of Events

## First Degrees / Premier Degrés

**March 7, 2009**

Hosted by: St. Joseph Council #11006

Degree: 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Grand Knight Denis Ouellet (204) 737-2029

**March 10, 2009**

Hosted by: Pine Falls Council #4244

Degree: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Grand Knight Thomas Paukovic  
(204) 367-8798

**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.**

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## Major Degrees/Degrés Mjeurs:

**March 7, 2009**

Hosted by St. Joseph Council #11006

Major Degree: 12 Noon

Contact: District Deputy Charles Parent  
(204) 737-2381

**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

## 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.

**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 Hyrsak (204) 726-4746

**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: 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.

**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.

### 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.