



“Manitoba News”

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From the State Deputy's desk

Brother Knights and Families,

On March 15, 2008 Pope Benedict XVI declared that Father McGivney was given the status of the “Venerable Servant of God.” This is one step away from being declared a saint. What does this mean to the Knights of Columbus? Imagine, our founder the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney will likely be named a saint!

The declaration separates the Knights of Columbus from other service groups working in the community. We should be proud of our founder and should be letting others know about him.

Recently, a brother knight mentioned that he recruited a young man by mentioning the fact that our founder has been declared “venerable” and will likely become a saint someday. This just shows that there are many reasons why men want to join the Knights of Columbus. So cast your net into the sea and the fish will be found.

On March 22, Archbishop Emilius Goulet celebrated mass in Spanish at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in St. Boniface. Following mass, Supreme Hispanic Director, Albert Cala conducted an initiation in Spanish for candidates from the parish and from St. Hedwig's Parish in Brandon. On March 24, a new council, Our Lady of Assumption #14734 was established in Manitoba. In addition, a round table for the above council was established in Brandon. We welcome the brother knights and we thank His Grace and the Supreme Director for their involvement.

On March 28, first, second and third degrees were held at St. John Brebeuf Parish. A total of 25 new candidates were initiated and 31 candidates received their second and third degrees. Thank you to the first degree team from St. Ignatius and the major degree team from Winnipeg for conducting the degrees. Also, thank you to Grand Knight Grant Nazarko and District Deputy Dan Sheppard for hosting the degrees and providing a lunch after the degrees.

To date, we have reached 75% of our Manitoba membership goal. I am sure that with the help of each council and each member in the council our goal can be achieved. But we need your help. Let's give one final push before the end of June.

I hope that we will see many of you at the ProLife March (May 14), Family Day (May 24), and Celebration of Life (May 25). Check with your Grand Knight for details.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Kustra, State Deputy

From the State Chaplain's Desk

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

As we enter into this beautiful month of May, the fullness of spring, we can say good by to the short days, long nights, cold weather and say hello to the freshness of spring, time of new life, long sunny and warmer days. Although we have been preoccupied with threats of flood, and indeed certain parts of Manitoba have been under water, we know all that will pass, new growth will begin, and we will thank God, that, that is also behind us.

As you read this May bulletin, we will be gathered for our Annual State Convention, a time gathered in prayer, fellowship, deliberation, review of our past year and planning ahead. It's a good time to gather as one family, not only with Brother Knights but also with our families who play such an integral part in the success of all the projects that we undertake. It's a time to celebrate that we are members of such a great Catholic Order, a time of thanksgiving for all the blessings that we have received. It's a time to relive Founder's Day, March 29th which marked the 127th anniversary of the founding of the Order by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. Let us celebrate during this convention the fruits borne of a humble parish priest's faith, his obedience and dedication to which we as Brother Knights are called to live in the midst of the very many challenges of today.

The strength of our Order without question is that of our families. At the 6th World Meeting of Families in Mexico City held earlier this year, Pope Benedict XVI via video uplink in part said the following to those attending the meeting - “the Christian response to the challenges that must be confronted by families and human life in general, consists in intensifying trust in the Lord and the vigor that springs from one's faith, which is nourished by attentive listening to the **WORD OF GOD**. Allow God to speak to the hearts of every member of your family through his living and effective Word. In prayer, especially with the praying of the rosary, where the family can contemplate the mysteries of the life of Jesus, interiorizes the values that it meditates and feels called to incarnate them in their lives”.

As we enter this beautiful month of May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, let us reflect that the family is an indispensable base for society and for peoples, as well as an irreplaceable goof for children, worthy of coming into life as a fruit of love, of the parents' total and generous surrender. As Jesus showed in honoring the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, the family occupies a

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primary place in the education of the person. Today more than ever is needed the testimony and public commitment of all the baptized to reaffirm the dignity and the unique and irreplaceable value of the family founded on the marriage of a man and woman and open to life, as well as the value of human life in all its stages. Our Holy Father reminds us that **"it is in the home where one learns to truly live"**.

We have at our disposal for this year a beautiful calendar given to us from the Supreme Council **MARY'S KNIGHTS: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARIAN PRAYER PROGRAM**. Take time to reflect on each of the months with the various images of our Blessed Mother such as , Our Lady of Guadalupe, The Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochaiv, Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of the New Advent, **May – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY** , and concluding with Our Lady of Charity. In almost all of these Icons, is the Mother and Child, how appropriated to underscore family life.

May I congratulate all of our Brother Knights of our Manitoba State along with your families for living the Life of Christ and loving His mother, our mother, **OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**. May you enjoy tremendous success at your Annual Convention.

Fraternally yours in our Blessed Mother,

Msgr. Michael Buyachok, State Chaplain



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree CARDINAL MCGUIGAN PROVINCE District of Manitoba



Well we finally got some good weather and the activity level picked up.

We again met our obligation to furnish an Honour Guard for the annual Divine Mercies Mass at St. Andrew Bubola Church. A good number of Sir Knights participated along with members of Kardinal Stefan Wyszynski council.

Assistant District Marshall SK George Goovaerts and I visited our Brother Sir Knights of Louis Riel Assembly in St.-Pierre-Jolys.

Honour Guards from Miles MacDonnell Assembly participated at the ICCD major Draw hosted by Father Allen Hall council. I on behalf of the Sir Knights of Manitoba had the opportunity to represent them at the Miles MacDonnell Fundraiser in support of Our Lady of Victory Catholic School.

A good showing of Sir Knights from most of the assemblies in Winnipeg contributed to an excellent Colour Party at the Catholic Foundation's annual Caritas Dinner. It was an extremely good outing for the Fourth Degree as we had the opportunity at that time to exemplify Father Leon Mubikayi into the ranks of Dom Benoit Assembly # 1916 –Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba.

Our condolences go out to Sir Knight Lionel Theroux FN of Dom Benoit Assembly on the loss of his brother Raymond.

We will be busy with Honour Guards at the State Conventionan May 1,2,3, Walk for Life May 14 and Celebration of the Gospel of Life May 25, 2009.

I have been offered and accepted the great opportunity to attend along with Vice Supreme Master Marcel Wozny The National March for Life in Ottawa on May 14, 2009. Our Supreme Knight SK Carl Anderson is to be in attendance which should attract a huge number of Knights. I am looking forward to experiencing this important pro-life event.

must apologize that due to personal circumstances I would not be able to attend this year's State Convention. After about eighteen in a row I missed the excitement of fraternity, the Honour Guards and the opportunity of being able to absorb the important information generated at the various meetings. Big thanks go out to our District Marshall Sir Knight Arley Corbett who as usual did an excellent job of covering for me.

**EXEMPLIFICATION – JUNE 13, 2009
STS-MARTYR'S-CANADIENS HALL
289 DUSSAULT AVE. WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
CALL 668-7153-MASTER FOR INFORMATION**

Vivat Jesus!
Marvin A. Lucyk, Master



Membership Report

Membership Madness

"The team that plays together wins"

An inter-council competition with the goal of growing our Order

March Membership Madness – Congratulations to the nine Councils who won the March Madness Recruitment Blitz in their respective “Bracket.” The following Councils will receive a \$25.00 cheque from Manitoba State for winning this contest. The winning Councils increased their membership, during the month of March, by the percentage shown below. The net (additions minus suspensions/withdrawals) for the month of March was **103** new members. This includes 24 members who joined our newest Council, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción #14734. Congratulations to all the winners and also to those who increased their membership during the month of March.

Bracket	Council	Number	New members	% Increase
Charity	St. James	#04557	4	2.78%
Unity	Bishop de Mazenod	#11115	18	15.79%
Fraternity	St. Anne Council	#10551	3	3.13%
Patriotism	Charleswood	#07523	4	4.55%
Church	St. Lazare	#05047	6	8.00%
Family	Cooks Creek	#07002	7	12.07%
Council	Archbishop Sinnott	#09036	1	1.92%
Community	St. Joseph	#11006	2	4.00%
Fr.McGivney	Morden	#10153	4	16.67%

Additional Councils who have recruited at least one member during the month of March: #1107, #2450, #2704, #3538, #3853, #3953, #4244, #5808, #6150

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Girouard

CONGRATULATIONS

The following councils have achieved (or exceeded) their quota as of April 22, 2009.

St. John Brebeuf Council #1107	140%
Goulet Council #3681	150%
St. Lazare Council #5047	140%
St. Ignatius of Loyola #5808	157.14%
Cook's Creek Council #7002	140%
Charleswood Council #7523	120%
Fathers A & J Kulawy #9790	242.86%
St. Anne Council #10551	180%
Bishop de Mazenod #11115	700%
St. Peter's Council #12319	163%

Councils near to their quota:

Norwood Council #3538	80%
Pine Falls Council #4244	80%
Notre Dame de Lourdes #6879	80%

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Brother Knights who have celebrated
50 YEARS OF SERVICE

in the Knights of Columbus in April

William Wilgosh - Beausejour Council #5870
Michael Kucher - Fr. Filipow Council #8944
Joseph N. Leclerc - Flin Flon Council #2746
Stanley Swiderski - East Kildonan Council #4107
Peter Ellie - St. Josephat Council #4138
George Grabowski - St. Josephat Council #4138
Roland E. Dion - St. Boniface Council #3158



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 Antoine Daudet from Goulet Council #3681 as the **Knight of the Month** for May 2009. Submission deadline for Knight of the Month for June is May 15, 2009.

Manitoba State - Calendar of Events

First Degrees / Premier Degrés

April 27, 2009

Hosted by: Ste-Anne Council #4819

Degree: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Grand Knight Claude Perrin (204) 422-5438

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.

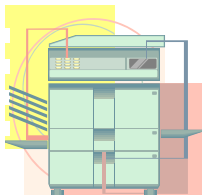
Major Degrees/Degrés Mjeurs:

May 23, 2009

Hosted by: St. Emile Council #8221

Major Degree: 12 Noon

Contact: District Deputy Gil Dupuis (204) 253-2912



YOURS FOR THE TAKING

Anyone interested in owning a used CANON Image Runner 330S, please contact the State Office at 663-8022.



Patroness of the Knights of Columbus - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please remember to Pray the Rosary during the month of May.

Dates to Remember

Blood Donor Clinic to be held on Tues., May 5, 2009 at St. Timothy's Parish Hall from 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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.

Day at the Ball Park - Knights of Columbus Altar Servers Family & Group Outing - to be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009. For more info. please contact Claude Lagace at claudelagace@mts.net.

4th Degree Exemplification, June 13, 2009 to be held at St. Martyrs.

100th Anniversary of Brandon Council #1435 to be held on June 27, 2009.

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.