

“Manitoba News”

Manitoba State Council - Monthly Bulletin - April 2007

From the State Deputy’s desk . . .

Brother Knights,

Spring is just around the corner, which means that in a month and a half it will be the State Convention. A new State Deputy with new ideas and energy will be elected as well as a new executive.

But, we still have three and a half months to go in this Columbian year. It is time to pull up our sleeves and finish the year on a high note. Many councils are planning to hold their blitz in March and April. However, how many more cannot be bothered? Do you know that there are still 65 councils who have not signed up **one single member** this year? Are you one of those councils for whom it’s been several years since you brought in a new member? How sad.

There are still 14 councils who have not sent in their Fraternal Services Report and we’re waiting for 13 councils to send in their Semi-annual Audit Report. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, please do your jobs as these reports are very important and we need to receive them on time. Congratulations to all of the other councils. You have shown a vast improvement in sending your reports in. As well, thanks to those councils who have improved the quality of their monthly bulletins. Brothers, I think that we are on the right track and that more and more Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries are accepting the responsibilities of their office.

March 29th is Founder’s Day and the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. During the next year, councils should join the realization of Father McGivney’s dream and celebrate the Order’s 125th anniversary year: join Recruitment Madness and celebrate by recruiting new

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From the State Chaplain’s Desk ...

Brother Knights,

During the six weeks of Lent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the **PASCHAL MYSTERY** at **EASTER**. **EASTER** is the resurrection of Christ. It is the victory of **Life** over death.

For us, Christians, it is the most important feast of the entire liturgical year. It surpasses all others, because all other liturgical feasts would have no meaning if Christ wouldn’t have risen from the dead. His life would have then been a failure.

But Christ has risen on Easter morning.

And why is **Easter** so important for **all Christians**? It is because on that day we celebrate not only **Christ’s resurrection**, but also **our own resurrection**. **Because all those who are baptized in Christ and who believe in Him, receive at the same time the promise to be resurrected with Him.**

By his resurrection, Christ has therefore opened the gates of heaven for us. “**After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.**” (John 14, 3). There it is; the real source of our joy and all our alleluias.

My Brother Knights, I wish you and all your family members a **Very Happy Easter!**

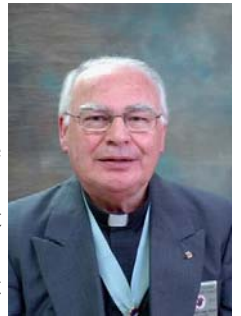
Let us rejoice; Christ is risen and we are all resurrected with him. Vivat Jesus!

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Frères Chevaliers,

Pendant les six semaines du temps du Carême nous nous sommes préparés à la fête de **PÂQUES**.

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2007 STATE CURLING BONSPIEL

Congratulations to the following teams for having won the 2007 Manitoba State Curling Bonspiel hosted by St. James Council #4557. The event was very well organized and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the teams who participated!

“A” Event: Brandon Council #1435 - Team Jim Dyck

“B” Event: Conseil Sts-Martyrs #6885 - Team Gilbert Dorge

“C” Event: Holy Redeemer Council #7972 - Team Roman Jaworsky

“D” Event: Conseil Goulet #3681 - Team Aurèle Dupuis



State Deputy Eugène with the Dyck Team

INSURANCE CORNER...

Brothers,

For the past several years, the Order has been certified by IMSA – the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association. What does this mean?

IMSA promotes high ethical standards in the marketing, sale and service of individually owned life insurance, long term care insurance and annuity products. The IMSA logo, which we use in our advertising and promotional materials, demonstrates our commitment to ethical market conduct.

To qualify for IMSA, we vow to:

- conduct business according to high standards of honesty and fairness
- provide competent and consumer-focused sales and service
- engage in active and fair competition
- provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content
- provide for fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes
- maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with these Principles of Ethical Market Conduct.

Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards. Give your Field Agent a call!

Congratulations to Glen Walley, FA & Gerald Rochon, FIC who were our February 2007 Agents of the Month!

Boisjoli Agency team is looking forward to seeing all of you at the 85th State Convention next month!

Claude Boisjoli, FIC
General Agent of Manitoba
(204) 231-9457

Urgent request!!

The council that had been assigned the Manitoba State Golf Tournament for August 2007 has cancelled out. We are looking for a council to host this tournament on August 17 or 18. Please call the State Deputy ASAP at 256-5973.

We are also looking for a council to host the 2009 Curling Bonspiel in March. Please submit your request by letter to the State Office.



Congratulations! The Manitoba State Council would like to congratulate Garry Graves for accepting the position of District Deputy #6.



State Deputy's message continued...

Knights this March and April; show that the Knights of Columbus stands In Solidarity with Our Priests during our anniversary celebrations. Start now to plan for the anniversary year. More information will be sent to the councils in the next few months.

On behalf of the Manitoba State Board, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Easter. I hope that during the Easter celebrations all the Knights will make time to thank God for sending his Son so that we may have eternal life. He came to show us the way. Let us follow him and Not Be Afraid. Vivat Jesus

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Frères Chevaliers,

Le printemps est tout près. Cela veut dire que ce sera bientôt l'Assemblée annuelle. Un nouveau Député d'État avec de nouvelles idées et de l'énergie renouvelée sera élu ainsi qu'un nouvel exécutif.

Mais, l'année colombienne n'est pas terminée. Nous avons encore trois mois et demi pour se retrousser les manches et finir avec éclat. Plusieurs conseils ont indiqué qu'ils tiendraient un Blitz en mars et avril. Malheureusement il y en a d'autres qui n'y participeront pas. Savez-vous que 65 conseils n'ont pas recruté **un seul nouveau Chevalier** cette année? Êtes-vous un de ces conseils qui essayez de fonctionner avec le même monde depuis plusieurs années? Quelle triste situation.

Il y a encore 14 conseils qui n'ont pas envoyé leur Rapport annuel d'activités fraternelles et 13 conseils leur Rapport semestriel de vérification du conseil. Grands chevaliers et Secrétaires financiers, veuillez s'il vous plaît faire votre travail car ces rapports sont très importants et nous devons les recevoir à temps. Félicitations aux autres conseils. Il y a eu une amélioration importante quant aux formes reçues avant la date de tombée. Aussi, merci aux conseils qui ont amélioré la qualité de leur bulletin mensuel. Je crois que nous sommes sur la bonne voie et de plus en plus les Grand chevaliers et Secrétaires financiers acceptent les responsabilités de leur office.

Le 29 mars nous célébrons "Founder's Day et le 125e anniversaire de l'Ordre. Je vous invite à lire le message en anglais que vous trouverez ci-haut.

Au nom du Conseil d'État du Manitoba, je vous souhaite, ainsi qu'à vos familles, de Joyeuses Pâques. J'espère que durant les célébrations pascales tous les Chevaliers prendront le temps pour remercier Dieu d'avoir envoyé son Fils pour assurer que nous ayons la vie éternelle. Il est venu nous indiquer le chemin. Suivons-le et n'ayons pas peur. Vivat Jesus.

Eugène Prieur,
State Deputy

Chaplain's message continued...

PÂQUES, c'est la résurrection du Christ. C'est la victoire de la **Vie** sur la mort.

Pour tous les chrétiens, c'est la fête la plus importante de toute l'année liturgique. Elle dépasse toutes les autres, parce que si le Christ n'était pas ressuscité, sa vie se serait terminée par un échec. Il aurait pu venir vivre parmi nous, il aurait pu nous laisser son évangile, il aurait pu faire toutes sortes de miracles, il aurait même pu mourir sur la croix pour nous, **si Dieu ne l'avait pas ressuscité**, toute cela aurait abouti à un échec.

Mais, après avoir été mis au tombeau le soir du Vendredi Saint, IL EST RESSUSCITÉ, AU MATIN DE PÂQUES.

Et pourquoi la fête de **PÂQUES** est une si grande fête pour les chrétiens? C'est que c'est non seulement la fête du **Christ Ressuscité**, mais **c'est aussi la nôtre**. Parce que tous ceux et celles qui sont baptisés dans la foi au Christ reçoivent en même temps de lui la promesse de ressusciter avec lui.

Par sa résurrection, le Christ Jésus nous a donc ouvert les portes du paradis. « **Je vais vous préparer une place, nous avait-il dit, afin que là où je suis, vous aussi vous soyez** ». (Jn 14, 2-3) la voilà la vraie raison de notre joie et de tous nos chants d'Alléluia.

Mes frères Chevaliers je vous souhaite de **Très Joyeuses Pâques**, à vous et à tous les membres de vos familles. Réjouissons-nous, le Christ est ressuscité et il nous ressuscite avec lui. **VIVAT JESUS**.

Father Jean-Louis Rocan
State Chaplain

State Convention

It's almost here! There are many reports and forms due for the State Convention. Please fill them out and send them in as soon as possible.

March 15 - Reports for the Convention Book are due.
Please send them in a.s.a.p.!

March 30 - Convention Registration Forms are due.

April 12 - Resolutions for the Convention are due.

April 13 - Convention Credentials

- Necrology report
- Service Program Award Report
- Manitoba State Programs Report
- Family of the Year Report (Found in the Family of the Month book from Supreme)
- Knight of the Year Report

April 27 - Council Yearbooks (District Deputies can also drop them off before their meeting on May 12th.)

See you there!

Convention Nominations 2007

The Manitoba State Convention will be here before we know it. Have you thought about being on the State Board? If so, give your name to your Grand Knight so that he can nominate you.



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C'est bientôt la fin de semaine du Congrès d'État. Avez-vous songé à siéger au Conseil d'État du Manitoba? Si oui, veuillez aviser votre Grand Chevalier pour qu'il puisse vous nommer.

Family of the Month

Congratulations to the family of Bernard & Vivianne Mazerolle of Conseil Goulet #3681 for being chosen by Supreme to be Manitoba's January 2007 Family of the Month. They will receive a Holy Family statuette from Supreme Council.

Captain Miles MacDonell Assembly #370
31st Annual Dinner & Draw in support of
Catholic Parochial School Education.

St. Ignatius School will be the 2007
recipient of the funds raised

Date: Wednesday, April 25th, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour
with Dinner and Draw to follow.

Location: Blessed John XXIII Parish Auditorium

Cost: Dinner & Draw Ticket \$50.00

Draw Ticket only \$25.00

(\$25.00 tax receipt to be provided)

For tickets: Call Church Administration Office
at 474-2351 or
the School Office at 475-1386



Partners for Life - Blood Donor

Brother Knights and their families who donate blood, should advise the Canadian Blood Services that they are donating on behalf of the K of C so that we may be credited for Partners for Life. The goal for KofC is 950 units this year.

2007 Basketball Free Throw

Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to all councils and volunteers who participated in the 2007 Manitoba State Basketball Free Throw Competition. Thank you to Lionel Piché, Chairman, for a well organized event. Thank you to Norwood Council #3538 for looking after the canteen.



Manitoba State - Calendar of Events

First Degrees/Premier Degrés:

March 27, 2007

Hosted by: Conseil St-Boniface #3158

210 Masson St Winnipeg, St-Boniface Council Chambers
Registration at 7:00 p.m.

Major Degree at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Grand Knight Marc Mulaire at (204) 231-3682

March 31, 2007

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

1707 John Brebeuf Place, Parish Hall of St. John Brebeuf
Church (accessible from Grant and Corydon Avenue,
between Lanark and Renfrew Streets)

Registration at 8:30 a.m.

1st Degree at 9:00 a.m.

Contact District Deputy Dan Shepherd at (204) 488-4636
or Grand Knight Grant Nazarko at (204) 489-3748

May 26, 2007

Hosted by: Brandon Council #1435

More information to follow.

Contact District Deputy Eric DePass at (204) 728-9019

Major Degrees/Degrées Majeurs:

March 31, 2007

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

Location: See First Degree section

Registration at 11:30 a.m.

Major Degree at 12 noon

Contact District Deputy Dan Shepherd at (204) 488-4636

May 26, 2007

Hosted by: Brandon Council #1435

More information to follow.

Contact District Deputy Eric DePass at (204) 728-9019

Degrees/Degrés:

Attention: All councils hosting a Major Degree will be asked to hold a 1st Degree in the morning before the Major Degree.

We are looking for more councils to host First & Major Degrees. Please contact the State Office at 663-8022.

Dates to Remember:

Catholic Foundation Caritas Award Dinner will be held on April 19, 2007 at the Winnipeg Convention Center. This year's honorees are Catholic Schools in Manitoba. Tickets have already been sent out. If you would like to purchase tickets, call Nancy immediately at (204) 233-4268. Please send in your cheque immediately and do not wait until the last minute!

ICCD Major Draw: April 21, 2007, hosted by Conseil Ste-Anne #4819. The Draw will be held at 10:30 p.m. at the Ste-Anne Legion Hall, 80 Arena Road in Ste-Anne MB. For tickets, contact Robert at (204) 422-4164.

85th Annual State Convention will be held on May 4, 5 & 6, 2007 at the Victoria Inn. Please **fill out all documentation** and return them to the State office as soon as possible.

Rose Campaign - May 13, 2007. Roses are available at the State office for \$30 per hundred. They are available at the office. Please call us at (204) 663-8022.

Golf Tournament - August 17, 2007 at the Kingswood Golf Course in La Salle. This event is hosted by La Salle Council #7793.

Vocation videos - The following videos are available at the State office in both DVD and VHS format: "The Vocation to the Religious Life for women", "The Vocation to the Priesthood" and "The Vocation to Marriage". We also have various pamphlets in stock in both French and English. Please call the State office ahead of time at (204) 663-8022 to ensure that they are still available at the time of pickup.

Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest. We had a very wide selection of beautiful pictures. Thank you to every council who participated this year. The winners of each category were entered in the Supreme Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest.