

“Manitoba News”

Manitoba State Council - Monthly Bulletin - February 2007

From the State Deputy's desk . . .

Brother Knights,

The Lord said to us ‘What you do to the least of my people it is to me you are doing it.’ During the Christmas season and many times during the Columbian year we Brother Knights do a lot of charity work. We volunteer at soup kitchens, visit the sick, help those in need, prepare Christmas hampers, we volunteer for many things, etc. We are proud of what we are accomplishing because we are using the gifts the Lord has given us and we are helping others. Brothers, we belong to the greatest fraternal organization in the world. We should be bragging to people about what we do. As proud members of the Knights of Columbus, we should be giving every Catholic man the opportunity to be one of us. Unfortunately, we seem to be afraid to ask someone to join us. Why, I do not know. Reading the Manitoba statistics for the first 6 months of the Columbian year, I was extremely disappointed. **71 COUNCILS** still have not recruited one single person. To the end of December, we have **Recruited 82** new brother knights. We have had **22 Suspensions or Withdrawals**, for a **Net of 60**. Our overall amount for the first 6 months is **-12**, which means that **72** Brother Knights have passed away. Grand Knights, Membership Directors, you all have a responsibility to replace these Brother Knights. You have been given the necessary materials and guidance from the Supreme or the Manitoba State offices. There really is no excuse for you not to recruit anyone.

Your District Deputy will be meeting with you during the next few weeks. He will be encouraging your Council to hold a **BLITZ** in your parish **DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH. LISTEN TO HIM**. Blitzes do work. When the proper steps are followed, Councils who have tried it, have been very successful in recruiting new members. On Saturday, February 17, Membership Chairman, Richard Benoit is holding a session on how to prepare a blitz. You will have the opportunity for group discussion. I cannot understand **Why we seem to be afraid to ask a fellow parishioner to join us**. During the second half of this Columbian year, make a resolution today to recruit new members. By doing so, you will be helping your Council to increase membership, and to bring in younger Brother Knights

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From the State Chaplain's Desk ...

Brother Knights,

With the coming of a new year we have become accustomed to making resolutions of all kinds. At first, we are well intentioned, of course, but we quickly realize that, after honestly trying for a certain time, we easily get discouraged and fall back into our regular routine.

What I'm suggesting to you today is not so much a resolution, but rather a way of life that I like to call the **Spirituality of the present moment**. This way of life has the great advantage to considerably reduce stress in our daily lives.

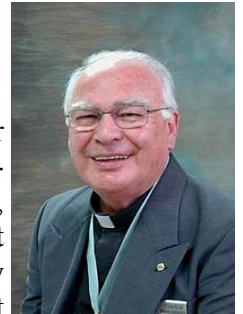
Now, how do we go about practicing this **Spirituality of the present moment**? We must first accept the basic principle that **God has a special agenda for each one of us**. Therefore, the more we try to live each moment according to God's plan, the more we will find interior peace, true happiness, and the more we will reduce the stress that puts so much strain in our lives. We must also say often to ourselves: “**where I am right now is where God wants me to be**”. In this frame of mind, we get rid of this bad habit that we often have of thinking “I should be doing this or I should be doing that”. No! All I have to do is be the best I can be in what I am doing at the present time. Isn't it, at the same time, the best possible way of avoiding sin? And since I'm always living in the presence of God, my whole life becomes so much more positive.

Another plus of living the present moment in accordance with God's agenda for me is that I do not have to worry about the future anymore, because I am sure, than, that the Father will take care of tomorrow for me. How can he not look after me since He has created me to share in his own happiness? Besides, living every moment in the presence of God, is it not the best way to reach holiness?

Why don't you try to bring into your life the **Spirituality of the present moment**? You might be surprised to find in there a peace that can only come from God.

I wish you a **Happy New Year 2007 and May God bless you!**
Vivat Jesus!

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with fresh ideas and new energy. Vivat Jesus.

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Frères Chevaliers,

Le Seigneur nous a dit 'Ce que vous faites aux plus petits des miens, c'est à moi que vous le faites.' Durant la saison de Noël et souvent durant l'année Colombienne, nous les Frères Chevaliers faisons beaucoup d'œuvres de charité. Nous travaillons dans les soupes populaires, visitons les malades, aidons ceux dans le besoin, préparons des paniers de Noël, etc. Nous sommes très fiers de ce que nous accomplissons, car nous nous servons des dons que Dieu nous a donnés. Frères, nous faisons partie de la plus grande organisation fraternelle au monde. On devrait se vanter de ce que nous faisons. Étant fier d'être Chevalier, nous devons vouloir donner la chance à tous les hommes catholiques de faire partie des Chevaliers. Mais, il me semble que nous avons peur de demander à quelqu'un de se joindre à nous. Pourquoi? Je ne sais pas. Les statistiques du Manitoba pour les six premiers mois de l'année colombienne m'ont beaucoup déçu. **71 Conseils** n'ont pas encore recruté un seul nouveau membre. Ceci n'est pas acceptable. Dans les premiers six mois, nous avons **Recruté 82** nouveaux frères chevaliers. Nous avons eu **22 suspensions ou demandes de retraite**, pour un total net de **60**. Notre montant global pour les six premiers mois est de **-12**, ce qui signifie que **72** frères chevaliers sont décédés. Grands Chevaliers, Directeurs du recrutement, vous avez tous la responsabilité de remplacer ces frères. Le bureau du Suprême et celui de l'État vous ont fourni tous les matériaux et toute l'aide nécessaires. Vous n'avez pas d'excuses pour ne pas recruter quelqu'un.

Durant les prochaines semaines, votre Député de District viendra visiter votre Conseil. Il vous encouragera de **faire un Blitz dans votre paroisse au mois de mars. Écoutez-le.** Lorsqu'on suit les propres étapes, le blitz fonctionne très bien. Les Conseils qui l'ont essayé, ont très bien réussi à trouver des nouveaux membres. Le samedi, 17 février, notre Directeur du recrutement, Richard Benoit organise une session de formation sur comment bien préparer le blitz. Vous aurez la chance de discuter en groupe. **Pourquoi avons-nous peur de demander à nos co-paroissiens de se joindre aux Chevaliers?** Durant les derniers six mois de l'année Colombienne, faisons une résolution dès aujourd'hui de recruter des nouveaux membres. En faisant ceci, nous aiderons notre conseil, non seulement à augmenter les nombres, mais nous aurons parmi nous des jeunes Frères Chevaliers pleins d'énergie, avec de nouvelles idées. Vivat Jesus.

Eugène Prieur
State Deputy

!!!EARLY BIRD DRAW!!!

This year, the I.C.C.D. Early Bird Draw, hosted by Conseil Sts-Martyrs #6885, will be held at Saints-Martyrs Parish Hall, 289 Dussault Ave in Winnipeg. Please order your tickets at \$25.00 each on or before January 24, 2007. For tickets, phone Raymond Guenette at (204) 257-2057. See you there!



Do you have your 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.

INSURANCE CORNER...

- RRSP -

Brothers,

Buying annuities is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And if your life is as busy as ours, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. We'd like to make a personal plea that you not make that mistake. Before RRSP season is over, make an appointment to visit with us, your professional Knights of Columbus agents. We'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

The RRSP season is here! Prepare for your future and invest in the Knights. We are now paying 3.9% on new money. Please call your Field Agent for more information.

Congratulations to Jean Choiselat, FA & John Rydygowski, FA who were our December 2006 Agents of the Month!

- Career opportunity -

This is a full-time opportunity to represent our organization, conducting needs assessments and presenting our benefits to members.

I am taking applications for the position of Field Agent. If you or anyone you know are interested, please call Claude Boisjoli at (204) 231-9457.

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

Convention Nominations

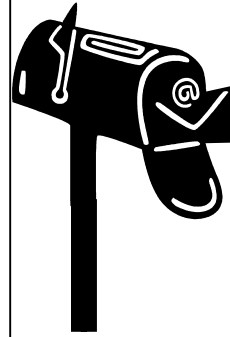
The Manitoba State Convention will be here before we know it. Have you thought about being on the State Board? If so, give your name to your Grand Knight so that he can nominate you.



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 families of Patrick & Vanesa Chaisson of Flin Flon Council #2746 and Frank & Elianne Barnes of St. James Council #4557 for being chosen by Supreme to be Manitoba's November 2006 Family of the Month. Both families will receive a Holy Family statuette from Supreme Council.



Would you like to receive the Manitoba State Council Newsletter by e-mail? Send an e-mail to "mbstkc@mts.net" with the word "subscribe" in the subject box, send us your name & council number and we will add you to our mailing list.

Chaplain's message continued...

Frères Chevaliers,

À l'arrivée d'une nouvelle année nous avons l'habitude de prendre des résolutions de toutes sortes. La bonne volonté y est toujours, bien sûr, mais la plupart du temps nous oublions toutes les bonnes résolutions prises pour retomber dans nos vieilles habitudes. Après quelques tentatives de se remettre au travail le découragement prend le dessus et nous constatons vite que toutes les belles résolutions ont été abandonnées.

Ce que je viens te proposer aujourd'hui ce n'est pas tout à fait une résolution à prendre, mais plutôt une spiritualité à développer. Cette spiritualité a l'immense avantage de réduire considérablement le stress, qui fait tellement partie de notre quotidien qu'il nous écrase parfois. Il s'agit de la **Spiritualité du moment présent**.

Comment mettre cette spiritualité en pratique? Il faut d'abord partir du principe de base que **Dieu a un projet de vie pour chacun de nous**. Pour arriver à éliminer le stress, il faut donc s'efforcer le plus possible de se conformer à ce projet de Dieu sur nous. Il faut s'habituer à se dire « **là où je suis en ce**

moment, c'est là où Dieu me veut. » Cette façon de faire élimine toute la tension inutile reliée à cette mauvaise habitude de se dire toujours, « je devrais faire ceci, je devrais faire cela. » Non! Tout ce que j'ai à faire, je n'ai qu'à le faire le mieux possible et à faire confiance au Seigneur pour l'avenir. N'est-ce pas en même temps le meilleur moyen d'éviter le mal? Parce que Dieu et le mal ne peuvent pas coexister.

Et tout en vivant le moment présent en conformité avec le plan de Dieu sur nous, nous n'avons plus à nous soucier du lendemain. N'est-ce pas le meilleur moyen de s'abandonner à la volonté du Père, qui ne peut pas vouloir autre chose que notre bonheur? Il nous a créés pour cela. N'est-ce pas aussi le meilleur moyen d'arriver à la sainteté?

Essaie de mettre en pratique la **spiritualité du moment présent**. Tu seras surpris d'y trouver une paix qui ne peut venir que de Dieu.

Je te souhaite une **bonne, heureuse et sainte année 2007**. Que le Seigneur te bénisse et te garde!
Vivat Jesus!

Father Jean-Louis Rocan
State Chaplain



Is your Council working on a big project?

Let us know! Send us a picture and a 50-word explanation to:

Attn: Manitoba News Bulletin Editor, St-Boniface P.O. Box 69, Winnipeg MB R2H 0H4 or e-mail us at mbstkc@mts.net before the 15th of each month.



Manitoba State - Calendar of Events

First Degrees/Premier Degrés:

February 10, 2007

Hosted by: Stonewall Council #8894

Contact Grand Knight Robin Allan at (204) 467-2694

February 12, 2007

Hosted by: St. Ignatius Council #5808

St. Ignatius Hall, corner of Jessie and Stafford

Registration at 7 p.m.

First Degree at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Bert Weber at (204) 255-3343

or Jason Wikis at (204) 880-0144

February 25, 2007

Hosted by: Fathers A & J Kulawy #9790

Holy Ghost Church, 341 Selkirk Ave. Winnipeg

Registration at 2 p.m.

First Degree at 2:30 p.m.

Contact Grand Knight Stan Morga at (204) 663-3017

Or Financial Secretary Samuel Siwicki at (204) 981-1990

Major Degrees/Degrées Majeurs:

February 10, 2007

Hosted by: Stonewall Council #8894

Contact Grand Knight Robin Allan at (204) 467-2694

Dates to Remember:

ICCD Early Bird Draw: January 27, 2007, hosted by Conseil Sts-Martyrs Canadiens #6885 will be held at the Saints-Martyrs Parish Hall, 289 Dussault Ave, Winnipeg. Order your tickets at \$25 each by January 24, 2007. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Raymond Guenette at (204) 257-2057.

36th Annual 2007 Manitoba State Council Bonspiel, February 23-25, 2007, hosted by St. James Council #4557 at the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club, 940 Vimy Road, Winnipeg. For more information or to register a team, contact Louis Girard at (204) 895-7879, cell: (204) 803-4890 or e-mail at l.girard@mts.net. Come and join the fun!

More Dates to Remember:

Basketball Free Throw State-level Competition will be held at the Holy Cross Gym on March 10, 2007. Doors open at 8:30 a.m, Registration at 9 a.m, Competition starts at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Lionel Piché, Chairman, at (204) 253-0791.

Financial Secretaries: please order your Free Throw Kits from Supreme. **Grand Knights:** please arrange to hold your council level competition prior to the District competition.

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. More information will follow.

ICCD Major Draw: April 21, 2007, hosted by Conseil Ste-Anne #4819.

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.

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

District Deputy #6 needed! Manitoba State is looking for a new district deputy in District #6. If you or anyone you know is interested, please let the State Deputy know as soon as possible by calling him at home at (204) 256-5973 or at work at (204) 663-8022.

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.

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity report is now due at the State Office and the Semi-annual Audit report form due at the State Office on January 31st, 2007. Please send them in immediately.