

“Manitoba News”

Manitoba State Council - Monthly Bulletin - August 2007



Incentive

Knights of Columbus members: Hear Ye! HearYe!

Recruit 2 new members and your name will be entered in a draw for a two nights stay at a Winnipeg hotel and a cruise on a local riverboat.

A total of 5 draws will be held throughout the year.

First draw will be held on August 31.

From the State Deputy's desk . . .

Brother Knights,

Great news! We are celebrating 125 years of the Knights of Columbus. From a small group of men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, the Order has grown to 1.72 million. You are all part of this history.

Our theme for this year is “Faith in Action.” Over the years and to present day, Knights of Columbus have put the needs of others before their own. We have seen knights who have even given their lives for their faith. Let us continue to demonstrate our faith in action as we journey throughout this year.

The State Board has started the year by setting its goals and plans. This year, Manitoba State Council has added two portfolios, one being the Publicity Chairman, Mike Garlinski and the other, Special Olympics Chairman, Tony Rodrigues. In addition, we have implemented a “team” of membership trainers. The “team” will be conducting training sessions beginning October.

The district deputies had their organizational meeting on July 6-7 and will be meeting shortly with their individual councils.

Council executives should be meeting and outlining the council's plans for the year. Several councils have already met and begun their year.

Our annual trip to the International Peace Garden mass was a success. Once again, the weather cooperated and we had a full bus load of people going to the mass. As well as the celebration of the Eucharist, we renewed our friendships with our American neighbors.

In this 125th year of the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson has stressed that the #1



From the State Chaplain's Desk . . .

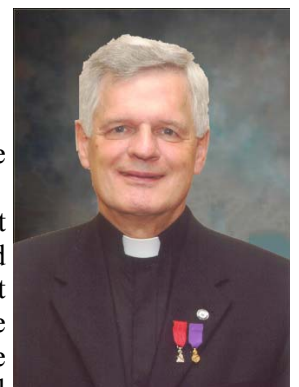
Brothers in Christ and Ladies,
Slava Isusu Christu - Praised be the Lord!

I am indeed humbled, but also grateful to have been appointed Manitoba State Council Chaplain at the last Convention 2007 for the next three years. I pray that I will be able to fulfill my obligations as well as my predecessors, but especially Father Jean-Louis Rocan who has served in the position of Manitoba State Chaplain with such love and compassion.

When our Order was celebrating its 100th Anniversary, I was then State Chaplain from 1980 to 1983 which was such an exciting time. And again today, 25 years later as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary, I have the privilege to celebrate with the Order and be part of the further growth of this power house of Catholic men along with their families.

In August, when the Order meets at its annual Supreme Convention, we will also be observing both the birth of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, on August 12 and his death on August 14.

During the 125th celebration of the Order, it is good to bring to mind what our founder wanted the Knights to be. First and foremost, he wanted the Knights to be evangelizers, men who will not only be believers, but also defenders and evangelizers of Christ's teachings. He wanted the Knights to give special attention to the family and promote the belief that it is the family which is the indispensable element for the common good of society. He wanted the Knights to proclaim the “good news” of family life by giving it a priority in programs, by offering quality, fraternal life insurance to members, and by helping those





2007-2008 Manitoba State Board

Back Row (Left to Right): State Warden, Karl Brosch; State Treasurer, Merlyn Onyschuk; State Secretary, Guy Precourt; State Advocate, Paul Dupré.

Front Row (Left to Right): Immediate Past State Deputy, Eugène Prieur; State Chaplain (Ukrainian Archeparchy), Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mitrat Michael Buyachok; State Deputy, Larry Kustra.

INSURANCE CORNER...

Brothers,

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed council leaders. I'm sure you have a list of things that you want to accomplish during the coming year.

One of these goals is likely the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. The Knights of Columbus Insurance Agents are committed to helping on the insurance side, but we'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. The Insurance Agents can help you, either by approaching him, or by "coaching" you - transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, the Insurance Agents are at your service.

What would be helpful to all of us would be an early start on those goals, rather than waiting until May or June. Let's get an early start on award season this year.

- Career opportunity -

Become a Knights of Columbus Field Agent and help make a difference in the lives of brother knights. This is a full-time opportunity to represent our organization, conducting needs assessments and presenting our benefits to members. If you or anyone you know are interested, please call me at (204) 231-9457.

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

Your 2007-2008 District Deputies

- District 1** - Dan (Lisa) Shepherd
- District 2** - Eric (Kathleen) DePass
- District 3** - Jules (Suzanne) Chartier
- District 4** - Donald (Lucille) Rondeau
- District 5** - Marc (Bonnie) Boisjoli
- District 6** - Garry (Leona) Graves
- District 7** - Gilbert (Paulette) Dupuis
- District 8** - Roger (Norma) Mondor
- District 9** - Roger (Rita) Hupé
- District 10** - Peter (Paula) Ahi
- District 11** - Severino (Maria) Buan
- District 12** - Lawrence (Rose) Mathews
- District 13** - Ron (Janet) Van Den Bussche
- District 14** - Laurie (Monique) Lavallee
- District 15** - Antonio (Karen) Simard
- District 16** - David (Audrey) Hladun
- District 17** - Louis (Hugette) Boisjoli
- District 18** - Johann Hueging
- District 19** - Nestor (Olesia) Kalinowich
- District 20** - Peter (Pat) Jansen
- District 21** - Amado (Consuelo) Mendoza
- District 22** - Richard (Lucille) Benoit

State Deputy's message continued...

priority is new membership. For our Order to continue in the future we must recruit new members. Each of us in Manitoba must do his part to make this happen. (Be sure to check the incentives for this year.)

Manitoba State Council is anticipating a fruitful year for each council. Remember that everyone has an opportunity to make history in this anniversary year. Let's not let that opportunity pass by.

Vivat Jesus,

Larry Kustra
State Deputy

Chaplain's message continued...

families that have fallen on hard times. Father McGivney wanted his Knights to live the faith and draw others to that faith through their witness.

Father McGivney wanted his Knights to be intrinsically connected with the life of the parish, to be effective collaborators between pastor and parish on the one hand, and Knights and families on the other, and to be true witnesses of the Gospel. But most of all, he wanted them to be good Catholic men, promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. A tall order? Perhaps, but Father McGivney had a vision and a mission. And today after 125 years, he may well say as St. Paul said, "well done my faithful servants".

Our journey of 125 years has indeed been phenomenal with a membership of well over 1,700,000, begin defenders and evangelizers of the "good news". However, our journey has just begun. The "good news" of our Lord Jesus Christ is well over 2,000 years old. May we be granted the grace to journey at least that long. WHAT A CHALLENGE!

Our Lord gathered around Himself 12 apostles. Together, they formed a team and changed the world. One hundred and twenty five years ago, our founder, Father McGivney, gathered around himself a few men. They formed a team and changed the life of the parish, community, families and country. Today, we have a huge team of men with their families continuing the work of Jesus and his 12 apostles, and also the work of Father McGivney and his few dedicated men. Our Lord depended on His apostles, and because of their commitment to His ideal and spirit, they succeeded. As we begin our new Columbian year, our grand knights and councils depend on **YOUR COMMITMENT**. Are you prepared to give your best as did the apostles of Jesus, and as did the founders who worked with Father McGivney? I think so, because we have good men along with their families, and because we are **GOOD**, we want to do everything that is good in the name of Jesus.

May we continue to call upon the intercession of Father Michael J. McGivney, a young visionary alive with the Holy Spirit, to be our guide and inspiration as we begin our fraternal year in this the 125th year of our Order. May Mary, the perfect disciple of the Lord Jesus, help us to be more effective Knights so that we may bring honour and glory to our founder through our programs. Let us ever be mindful that all that we are and have we have received through the loving care and providence of God who loves us dearly. This year in our 125th year, tell yourself that you will **'GIVE OF YOURSELF'** for the good of the Church and our Order.

May God's blessing be upon you and your loved ones.

Vivat Jesus.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mitrat Michael J. Buyachok
State Chaplain

From the Master's Desk ...

Knights,

Investigate the exciting world of the Fourth Degree Knight. We, the Patriotic arm of the Knights, are composed of 1,100 Sir Knights dedicated to visibly serving the Order.

Our membership has prided itself in serving our churches, the Manitoba State Council, our numerous councils, assemblies and the community. We treasure our role as the Order's most visible Knights.

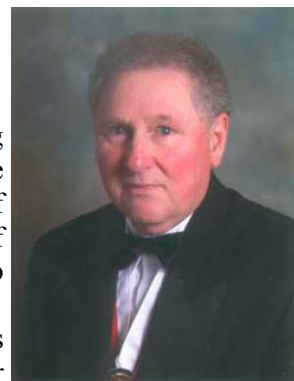
In early May, we had the privilege to provide an Honor Guard for a period of 21 hours during the Mini Eucharistic Conference held at St. Boniface Cathedral during Cardinal Marc Ouellette's visit to Winnipeg.

A large crowd, along with Past State Deputy Eugène Prieur, attended our first celebration of Canada Day at the Parliament Building. We also participated in a successful Field Mass at the International Peace Gardens, joining our Brother Knights from North Dakota.

In July and August, we will participate in two major events. The first is the transportation of the Ark of the New Covenant, which will be traveling to some of the many churches in the Diocese of Winnipeg and Saint Boniface. We are also looking forward to our yearly participation in the annual Icelandic parade in Gimli.

I will be privileged to speak to you through future newsletters and will hopefully be able to deliver some interesting news regarding the Fourth Degree. If any information is required concerning the Fourth Degree or joining our group of Patriotic Knights please contact the Master's office 668-7153.

Marvin A. Lucyk
Master



Help Wanted:

Manitoba State Council is looking for a **Pro-Life Chaircouple**. Please call the State Deputy at 663-8022 if you are interested or you know of someone who might be.

Family of the Month
Congratulations to the family of David & Eveline Ritchot of Conseil Ste-Agathe #6729 for being chosen by Supreme to be Manitoba's May 2007 Family of the Month. They will receive a Holy Family statuette from Supreme Council.

Attention!!!

The State office is open on **Thursdays** and every alternate **Friday**.
Please call before coming to the State office.

GRAND KNIGHTS, DON'T FORGET:

- to complete the DD1 forms monthly.
- to complete the Family of the Month regularly.
- to complete the Knight of the Month regularly.

ROSTER INFORMATION

If any council has NOT sent in their **Roster** information for the year 2007-2008, please do so **before** September 1st or A.S.A.P. We will then gather the information for this year's roster booklet and send it to get printed. Thank you.

Fall Seminars...

This year, the Fall Seminars will start in Thompson, MB on **September 8, 2007** for the following councils: Charlebois Council #2704, Flin Flon Council #2746 & Thompson Council #5961.

Please note that all other Fall Seminars will be held in **September** as well. More information will be forwarded to your grand knights at a later date.

Manitoba State - Calendar of Events

Dates to Remember:

Supreme Convention - August 7-9, 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Golf Tournament - August 17, 2007 hosted by St. Emile Council #8221. The tournament will be held at the Cottonwood Golf & Country Club 25 minutes East of Winnipeg on #1 Hwy. Green fees are \$60.00 per person, which includes: shared power cart, BBQ supper (rib-eye steak) and 18 holes of golf. For more information, please contact Nae Narine, Grand Knight at (204)254-5087 or (204)510-5087(cell).

ICCD tickets are now available for distribution. Please pick them up on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at your earliest convenience. The State Office is also open every other Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call the State Office at 663-8022 before you come. The State Warden, Karl Brosch will also bring them to the Fall Seminars in September.

The BLITZ is coming!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ask your priest/chaplain for permission to run the BLITZ campaign in the church on the weekend of October 6th - 7th.

St. Gianna's Council #14199 - Come celebrate our newest Council's conception by attending their charter night on October 12th, 2007. Contact Grand Knight Ed Boychuk at (204) 489-2234. More info will follow.

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.

Major Degree - We are currently looking for councils to host Major Degrees! Please contact Manitoba State Council at 663-8022 a.s.a.p. so that we can schedule the degrees for the year.

Reports

Please submit the following forms to State

| Form | Name | Due Date at Supreme |
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| Manitoba Roster Information Sheet... | | July 1, 2007 |
| 185 - Report of Officers | | July 1, 2007 |
| 365 - Service Program Personnel | | Aug. 1, 2007 |
| 1295 - Semi-Annual Audit | | Aug. 15, 2007 |

If you haven't sent in these reports, please do so at your earliest convenience. For help on how to fill out these forms, call 663-8022.