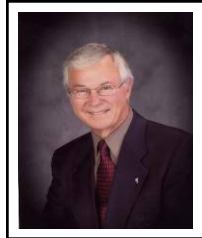




## Message from the State Deputy

### *“Year of the Volunteer”*



Neil C. Gannon

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has declared “Year of the Volunteer” as the theme for the 2009-10 membership campaign. This theme is a call to service by not only asking knights and their families to serve, but to encourage them to bring men with a similar commitment into this great Order of ours.

Membership is the very lifeblood of our Order. We need a constant influx of active new members with fresh ideas to serve the mission of the Knights of Columbus. And when a new member joins, it is imperative that we make him feel welcome and get him involved in council activities to ensure that he becomes an active member.

I urge all members in our jurisdiction; in our Councils, in our Assemblies, in our Agency and in our Foundation, to join together in asking eligible men to join us in service to God, Church and fellowmen. Thank you, Brothers, and may God bless you and your families.

Neil Gannon  
State Deputy



## Message from the State Chaplain

### *“We all are called to be Saints”*



Rev. Henry Rosenbaum SAC

Dear Brother Knights:

October! Our thoughts go to our Lady and the Mysteries of the rosary. During this year of the priest we will offer our daily rosary for our priests and support them in their work and strive with them together for a holy life because we all are called to be saints.

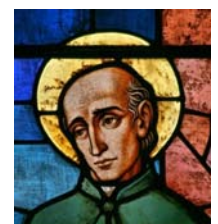
The activities which are lauded for the education of priests started with the Gala Dinner last month for St. Joseph’s Seminary and Newman Theological College. I was privileged to attend this event. Guest speaker was his Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, and IU. He made many points and spoke very fast, but one point stuck in my mind that to be able to be a missionary to the modern world, a solid theological knowledge was absolutely necessary. He reminded me of St. Vincent Pallotti, the founder of my society, when he was asked why he made his doctorate in philosophy and theology he answered that “I can preach better”.

Soon the snow will come if you have nothing better to do: Study your Religion.

With blessings to you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Henry Rosenbaum, SAC  
State Chaplain



## From the State Secretary

By Gary Johnson

Brother Knights,

Thanks to all of you who came out to the Regional Seminars held throughout our jurisdiction over the past three months! And, sincere thanks to all State Board members, Directors, Chairpersons, the Foundation, the Fourth Degree and our Fraternal Benefits Advisors for being part of these informative seminars!

Grand Knights, please remember that your District Deputy is our State Deputy's personal representative and it is important that all Council Officers and members familiarize themselves with the respect due to the District Deputy. The District Deputy should always be properly attired when attending meetings, should be seated in front near the Grand Knight, should always be called upon to speak and all members should rise when he is introduced. He should always be seated at the head table at any Council function even if he is not on the speaking program. The District Deputy should be in regular contact with all Grand Knights in his District and he should insure that he is available to you when you call upon him for assistance.

And please do not forget any State Board members who may be a member of your Council or any Board member who may be in attendance at you meeting. As Stated in your Grand Knight Handbook, a District Deputy or State Board Officer should be accorded the same courtesies as those recommended for the State Deputy. A District Deputy or State Board member belonging to your Council may choose not to be introduced and place at the front near the Grand Knight but they should be asked prior to the commencement of the meeting.

And remember, that if you have any District Scholarship winners from your council, the Grand Knight along with his District Deputy should arrange to present the cheque to the winner before or after a Church Mass in their area and that they read the letter that provides information on our scholarship program. We will be forwarding a letter along with each winner's cheque to the Grand Knight of the Council that the father or grandfather of the winner belongs to. Please feel free to call on me at any time if you require more information.

Again I would like to wish each and every one of you success during this Columbian Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Gary Johnson  
State Secretary



## From the State Treasurer

By Phil Birch

Brothers,

Charities Appeal tickets are now out to councils. This is a great source of revenue for your council. The Council makes 50% of the profit on every ticket sold. They are easy to sell or buy a book for your family. I encourage every council to get involved! Last year, 32 councils failed to take advantage of this revenue source.

At present time, over \$102,000 is available for councils to spend on Charities Appeal projects. All you have to do is decide on a worthwhile charitable donation and send in a request to the State Treasurer for your share of the available funds.

It is noted that 79 councils have not submitted their Semi-Annual Audit report as of August 2009. It is very important for the benefit of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer that this report be submitted. These individuals are bonded in case of any missing funds, but only if the Semi-Annual Audit report is submitted. It is not too late to make your submission.

Speaking of report submission, 47 councils have not submitted their Officers Chosen for the Term report 185. This report is important to ensure that you are receiving all of the information that Supreme sends out on a regular basis.

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728) is coming up for submission at the end of January. This report is important for maintaining our charitable status and it is easy to complete. Just have the various directors and chairman advise the Financial Secretary of how much time was spent on the various activities that the council has been involved in. In this way, the load is light and the burden easy.

Vivat Jesus

Phil Birch  
State Treasurer



## From the State Advocate

By William J. Smith

Next month is November a time when we remember those who have fought to provide the way of life we have in Canada. Remembrance Day is a time to reflect what we take for granted. The freedom we have provides us the opportunity to enjoy our families and friends in an comfortable atmosphere. It provides us the opportunity to give our families a chance to grow without fear in an environment better than our ancestors had, whether it was here in Canada or in a foreign land. We are a melting pot of cultures, religions and races, but work as one team to make Canada the best place on earth for our families—ourselves, spouses, children, grandchildren and friends. Please take the time next month to remember.

Our fraternal year has begun, so our councils should be well on their way to meeting their goals. For incoming Grand Knights, review any bylaws that your council has. They are not required as we operate under the Supreme Constitution Laws, but many councils often have resolutions and bylaws that deal with something specific to their activities. If you are considering new bylaws please check to ensure they do not conflict with Supreme.

The Grand Knights Manual is a guideline for all councils. As a guideline there are often interpretations with the wording. If you have any questions, please contact any of the State Board and we will provide the guidance you need. Each council has a State contact or resource as referenced on pages 102-104 in the Roster. If you cannot reach your resource, please feel free to contact another. We are a team and will work together to help you.

As winter is coming closer, please take care when traveling. Speed limits are posted to optimum conditions. Check in advance for long trips to make sure the weather is clear for you to reach your destination without difficulty.

Remember our families during thanksgiving and our armed forces during Remembrance Day activities.

William Smith  
State Advocate



## From the State Warden

By Ronald Schuster

Brother Knights,

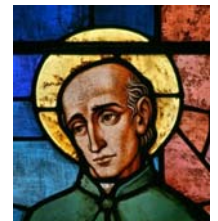
I would like to thank all the District Deputies who organized the Annual Seminars through-out our great jurisdiction in August and September. They were extremely well attended by Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and many members. The State Board was extremely pleased with the turn out which only proves how close our Unity and Fraternalism is in the Knights of Columbus. All our meetings started on time and finished on time, enabling us to have lunch and enjoy everyone's company and story telling.

We have elected outstanding leaders for our Councils which will go a long way in the success for all our programs, recruiting and working for the needy in our Charitable functions. I would like to remind all the Grand Knights of our councils to have your executive meetings before your general meeting with the members in order to make sure that all important issues are dealt with in order that your Agenda can move along in an appropriate manner. This will keep your meetings on time and give you the time to enjoy fraternalism after each meeting. Please make sure that your Fraternal Benefits Advisor is notified of your meetings. They will bring you new members as well as keeping you abreast of new programs, etc.

I would also like every member of the Knights of Columbus to pray for all our priests and bishops in this time of need. They need our support more now than ever. Reach out to your priest and offer him your assistance and prayers.

God bless you and your families.

Ron Schuster  
State Warden



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## From the Master of the Fourth Degree

By Larry Boland

A promise long forgotten

There I was at an installation of the Grande Prairie Assembly at Fairview when it was announced that we would say the Rosary for a sick Brother of Assembly 0008 right after Mass. Lady Corelene pulled out her Rosary but a Knight of Columbus who promised to always carry his Rosary with him could not produce it. Yours truly felt a might uncomfortable.

I am not sure if I was alone in not having my Rosary with me but I sure got to thinking of the many excuses I could rattle off for not having it with me. Not one solid reason, just excuses.

It was a promise I intended to keep and you know there are a lot of promises that I, we made when we traveled the path to Knighthood. The drive home on Monday gave me time to think about our pledge of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I got to thinking. Was I really living up to these promises? How about obedience? How was I doing with this one?

Then I remembered that last spring our Ceremonials Director Danny Barth invited me to his Assembly to do the Ceremonial for renewal of Obligations. I realized now just how fortunate we are to have this Ceremony to keep us on the right track.

This Ceremony can be done by the Master, Former Master, Faithful Navigator or Past Faithful Navigator, with written permission from the Master. It should be done in January or your first meeting following.

I am ordering copies of this ceremony for each Assembly and will mail it to you. I cannot be at every meeting. I will ask the Faithful Navigators to take on this challenge and allow the Sir Knights in your Assembly to benefit from the Ceremonial for Renewal of Obligations. I will send letters of authorization to those requesting them.

As for me, it is Wednesday already and as soon as I send this article off I am going up to get my Rosary and put it in my pocket. Good intentions just aren't enough. Our promises require action.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Boland  
Master of the Fourth Degree



## From the State Financial Secretaries Chairman

By Ed Matheson

Worthy Financial Secretaries

You should now have your new 2010 Membership Cards for either printing locally on your private system or sheets of Form 4817 Member Billing Membership Cards. If not, review the Financial Secretary Supplies on page 19, 20 & 21 of the Supply Catalogue 2009. While you are at it check the rest of the items on those 3 pages and get the supplies you need.

Ensure all your members know about the following: **Accidental Death Insurance is effective for both Knights and Wives with PAID UP Dues. Advise every member that has not paid. This insurance message is so important that I will repeat it in every State Affairs.**

God Bless, thank you & JUST DO IT!

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## From the State Communications & PR Director

By Ferdie Mendita

I wish each and everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. We give thanks to our Lord for the wonderful and countless blessings he has given not only to our families but to the Knights of Columbus itself, which consists of great members who share their time and talents for the Good of the Order.

Our newly revised website for the Alberta/Northwest Territories State Council has been completed although more contents need to be put in. Please visit [www.kofc.ab.ca](http://www.kofc.ab.ca) to take a look at our new website design; this site will give up to date information on our jurisdiction as well as links to Catholic information.

Once again, I am encouraging all councils to create their own website as this is a great means of communication to each and every member. We will have our 2nd website contest for next year's State Annual Convention as well as the ongoing Newsletter contest.

Best Wishes and May God bless you and your families.

Ferdie Mendita  
State Communications &  
PR Director



## From the State Program Director

By Willis Winter

*W*elcome back!

By now, all councils should have held their first council meetings, submitted all the necessary forms to Supreme, and set their goals for this Columbian year.

The State Leadership Seminars have now been held throughout the jurisdiction. One of the items covered was the submission of the Service Program Personnel Report Form (# 365) to the Supreme Office. This form is the first requirement to be met in attaining the Star Council, Columbian, Father McGivney, and Founder's Awards. By submitting this form, your Directors will receive information on the programs that they will be involved in to aid them in their endeavors. Worthy Grand Knights, please ensure that your council has submitted Form # 365 to the Supreme Office.

A thriving council depends on council members being informed of planned events and actively participating in these events. Their involvement promotes the Catholic, family, and fraternal goals of the service programs. It also gives members a reason to stay involved with their council and encourages new members to join our order.

As you plan events for this Columbian year, determine which ones you wish to submit for consideration at the State level. The event chairman should complete the State Service Program Awards Entry Form (# STSP) in preparation for entering the event into the State Service Awards Program.

By participating in the Service Awards Program, you are able to share your ideas and accomplishments with your brother Knights in other councils. Sharing of your achievements is a great way to contribute to the success of our fraternal organization in this Columbian Year.

Let's share!

Vivat Jesus

Willis Winter  
State Community Director



## From the State Pennies for Heaven Chairman

By Barney Markowski



### Please, I need your Help!

We have 160 Councils - only 73 donated to date.

We have 34 Assemblies - only 3 donated to date.

We have 4 Chapters - only 1 has donated to date.

We have 18 Squire Circles - no donations.

There are over 300 Parishes - only 1 parish contributes.

Less than 2 months remain for this year's contributions. Remember, all councils voted to support vocations and that each Diocese receive equal funding.

Please help with your donation, big or small.

Please mail cheques to the Red Deer State Council office at #4, 5579 - 47 Street, Red Deer, AB, T4N 1S1.

Barney Markowski  
State Pennies for Heaven Chairman



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## From the State Membership Director—South

By Jim Myhre

In October, all Councils are asked to conduct a Blitz for new members. A Parish membership drive is an ideal opportunity to reach Catholic men that are qualified prospects. Your level of success will depend on how well organized you are and on how well you execute your plan.

1. Obtain your pastor's approval to hold a membership drive at all masses on the target weekend. Ask your pastor to identify possible prospects.
2. Financial Secretaries insure quantities of Prospect Cards (#921A) and Membership Documents (#100) are on hand.
3. Have a display that highlights your Council's activities and the benefits of membership. Include handouts with information on your council and copies of your council newsletter.
4. Present materials to men as they enter the Church. Have teams of two or three Brother Knights at each door before Mass to distribute flyers and prospect cards.
5. Arrange for the pastor, Grand Knight and Membership Director to make a brief announcement before or after Mass.
6. Have Knights at church exits after Mass to answer questions, collect Prospect Cards and assist interested prospects in completing Membership documents.
7. After the event, deliver the Membership documents and completed Prospect Cards to the Membership Director for follow-up. Prospects who sign Membership Documents should be immediately informed of their meeting with the Admission Committee and the First Degree Exemplification.

I wish you and your councils every success with your membership drive.

Fraternally,  
Jim Myhre  
State Membership Director - South



## From the Agency

By Marc G. Bouchard, General Agent

For this month's column, I thought a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial.

Whole life insurance is the most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection and calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product - one with guaranteed cash values - that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

"Twenty Pay Life" is exactly as the name suggests: a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid Up at 65." With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance - permanent life insurance - and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

Your agent has detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, they can meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

For the name and phone number of your agent, please call the Alberta Regional Office at 403-343-222.

Marc Bouchard  
General Agent





Annual Bishops Outdoor Mass and Fundraiser for the Father Lacombe Seniors' Care Centre, hosted by District 28, was held September 13, 2009. Pictured are the event's hard working volunteers.



Council 6563's Welcome Back Barbecue. Pictured is Kevin LaGrange; Member of Council 6563, State Supplies Chairman and self proclaimed master chef.



Recovery of Charter Grand Knight, Lorne Dowling's sword . Presented by Ray Khuller to Council 4878. Accepting the sword from left to right: Charter Member John Wojtowicz and Grand Knight Mike Driscoll.



29th Annual Lorne Dowling Bursaries hosted by Council 4878 on September 21, 2009. The four recipients from left to right: Kaitlin Cotter, James Walshe, Jan-Nicole Recarro and Nicole Phaneuf (not pictured).



Grand Knight Ray Martin of Council 7432 presenting Knights of Columbus State Scholarship cheque to Nicole Quinn.



First Degree held on October 5, 2009 by St. Bonaventure Council 7432. This First Degree produced 11 new Knights from four Councils: Council 7432, Council 8258, Council 8636 and Council 14746.

## From the State Church Director

By Lou Normand

Worthy Grand Knights,

As we start the new Columbian Year, please remember to include some activities to focus on our spiritual life of prayer; this should include the opening and closing prayers, perhaps you want to include the prayer for vocations, this can easily be added after the opening council prayer. This prayer activity is what many Knights are looking for in their councils. Don't disappoint them.

- Include the Formation Program produced by our Chaplain Father Rosenbau, at all council meetings.
- Arrange a Marian devotion for "Our Lady of Guadalupe" or organize a Marian Mass in May.
- Encourage other devotions such as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the rosary.

Here is a little quote from an unknown Saint on the Power of Prayer: "More things are wrought by prayers than this world dreams of. If God let us see all the difference every one of our prayers makes, throughout all of history and all humanity, we would probably be unable ever to get up off our knees again!"

God Bless you and your councils.

Lou Normand  
State Church Director

## From the Charitable Foundation

By Julito R. Reyes, PSD, President of the ACF

Worthy Brother Knights:

**Thank-you for Your Past Support.** I would like to begin by reminding you that during the 2008 calendar year, our Foundation donated a total amount of \$88,243.22 to many worthy charitable causes in our jurisdiction- for a detailed listing please refer to Business Session Reports of the 99th Annual State Council Meeting in Red Deer - pages 135 & 136.

It is also important to note that the \$88,243.22 of donations made by our Foundation came from specified donations from the Alberta councils, income earned on the Foundation's capital fund, the Christopher Fund and our Annual Charity's Appeal campaign. The Annual Charities Appeal campaign is a tremendous fund-raiser for us all to support local charities, development of state programs and support for worthy charitable causes of our Foundation. Therefore, it is imperative that all councils

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## From the State Family Director

By Vince Reyes

### Family of the Year

At the Council level, to be chosen as the "Family of the Year" is an honour and achievement. At the State level, to be selected as the Family of the Year is an icing on the cake, so to speak. At the Supreme level, to be recognized as one of the top five international winners by a panel of judges appointed by the Supreme Knight is definitely a WOW!

Such was the story of the LaGrange Family, namely Kevin and Shauna and their four beautiful children - Andrew, Adam, Carlena and Lance - when they were awarded as Second Runner-up for the International family of the Year for Columbian Year 2008-2009.



In a memorandum issued by Robert J. Ennis, Director of Fraternal Operations and Programs, he emphasized that "each of the families deserves recognition for the fine work done on behalf of Church and Community and the example you provide to all of us."

In addition to this prestigious award, the Supreme Council, on behalf of the LaGrange family, donated \$500.00 to St. Mary's Catholic Church, located in Red Deer, Alberta.

Here's a few insights to the LaGrange family:

- An active Knight for 25 years, Kevin served as a Treasurer for 10 years with Sacred Heart Council 3408; transferred to the Lady of Victory Council 6563 where his three sons are also active members; is the Council Membership Director; Fourth Degree member; State Supplies Chairman for the last 6 years.
- Their three sons will be joining the Fourth Degree Exemplification on October 17, 2009
- The better-half, Shauna, has been involved with the Knights of Columbus for the last 20 years. Currently, she is the State Executive Secretary. Their

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## From the State Mass Times Booklets Chairman

By Ed Matheson

### Mass Times Booklet Project

**W**orthy District Deputies  
Grand Knights  
Financial Secretaries

Councils should determine how many books they need for their families and send in their cheques as you order and you will get them either at or before the Convention.

Note that the largest cost is for PRINTING and we cannot keep the company waiting till we get all the money collected. So please, decide on your order now, send in your cheque and we will deliver as soon as we get the books.

I have received the new Roster, so I am working on a project to contact all councils.

Thank you again & **JUST DO IT !!**

**Cost is only \$1.00 per book, a real bargain.**

**Check payable to: K of C Council 4530**

**Mail to: K of C Council 4530  
18415- 80 Ave  
Edmonton, AB T5T 1E8**

#### Mass Times Booklet Order Form

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## From the State Vocations Chairman

By Ed Matheson



### Vocations

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**W**orthy Grand Knights  
Financial Secretaries

**RSVP.** For every \$500 given to a Seminarian and reported to Supreme will get you \$100 back to build up for another Seminarian. Also there is a large number of Seminararians in St. Joseph Seminary and other Seminararians across Canada and many need our help. So continue the fundraising program for your Seminarian (s) today.

EVERY COUNCIL IS URGED TO PARTICIPATE

**VOCATION AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS** is of utmost importance for our CHILDREN. Your Vocation Chairman or someone should have already contacted your schools and be working with someone to help the children understand what it means to be a Priest, Sister, Brother, Deacon or dedicated to a Religious Life in the Church.

Reprint of the following on purpose. We have made a change in the Project Description to focus on only 3 grades in the schools; grades 4, 5 & 6. See an update to section O in the GK Manual and the supporting letter distributed with the May 2009 State Affairs. A main result is to display all the products by the children in Churches, Community Halls and places where the people gather so that people will be able to see what our children are thinking about with respect to a Religious Vocation. The top choices can be sent to State Office so that winning prizes can be given to the students of exceptional art or article. Any questions email me.

**PENNIES FOR HEAVEN:** Please aim at getting your cheque into State early in December 2009 to meet our commitment to the jurisdiction dioceses.

And as always... Thank you & **JUST DO IT!!**  
God Bless.

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- only daughter, Carlena, provides support whenever help is needed at the State Office.

Clearly, this family is a living testament to the eloquent words of Pope John Paul II when he said: "To maintain a joyful family requires much from the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of others."

Congratulations to the LaGrange family for this unprecedented award - by far, the highest recognition bestowed by the Supreme Council to a family in the Alberta/Northwest Territories jurisdiction. State Deputy Neil Gannon recently remarked: "They came very close to winning the top award."

Reminder: Entries to the Family of the Month program, signed by the Grand Knight, either submitted electronically or by fax, must reach the Supreme and State Councils by the 15th of the month designated on each individual form. From the Supreme Council, every month, 100 selected families will directly receive a beautiful Holy Family gift with a personal letter of congratulations from the Supreme Knight. From the State Council, one lucky winner is drawn every month who will receive a Holy Family gift together with a letter of commendation from the State Deputy.

Vivat Jesus!

Vince Reyes  
State Family Director



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participate in this year's selling of our Charities Appeal tickets. Please be involved by assisting your council ticket sales chairman by selling a booklet or buying it yourself.

**Foundation Survey.** As you may be aware, our Foundation is committed to better communication with our brother knights, however, we also strive to limit our communication to what our members need to know about our Foundation. To that end, the Foundation board has developed a survey for our member that is being distributed through our State Office mailings to councils. When your council receives the Foundation's survey, I encourage you to take time in completing it with your members in attendance and submit it to us as soon as possible. Based on the feedback we hope to better target information to our members about our Foundation.

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**New 5 Year Focus for the Foundation.** Construction of new St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College is now well under way at 8421-101 Avenue, Edmonton. This new building will stand as a landmark of our Catholic faith on the Edmonton. Bishops from throughout Western Canada will be sending young men to St. Joseph's Seminary to be formed as Catholic priests for at least the next 50 years. Lay persons could also enroll taking religious courses at the Newman Theological College. The Archdiocese of Edmonton officially launched its fund raising campaign for the seminary and college at a gala dinner on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 with Chicago Cardinal Francis George, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as the guest speaker. There were 900 people at the banquet.

Your Foundation has designated St. Joseph Seminary as the major focus for its donations for the next 5 Columbian years with a commitment of \$20,000.00 per year which would total to \$100,000.00. *Over and above this initial commitment I want all our brother knights and councils to know that our Foundation is allowed to receive donations in all forms that could either be designated to capital fund or operating expenses of the seminary and college.*

**Building Our Capital Fund.** To increase our capital fund is a dream of any organization where only the income earned would continue to support worthwhile charities and to fund any organization's office and operating expenses. Could you imagine, year after year, if only our members would name our Alberta Knights of Columbus Foundation as their charity of choice for the first \$100 they earned each year. *Just think of a scenario: 15,000 members x \$100.00 each = \$1.5 million. The money could go to our capital fund and would be invested prudently. Could you imagine what the interests would be like, year after year? Could you imagine the number of worthy charitable causes that we could support? Besides, each donor would receive an income tax receipt. Then, it would be a win-win situation for both the Knights of Columbus and the charities that we support in our jurisdiction. Please give this your serious consideration!*

For more information about donating to our Foundation, please contact our Foundation Treasurer, Bro. Dave Phillips, phone: 780.434.4655- [aphill@shaw.ca](mailto:aphill@shaw.ca)

Julito Reyes  
Charitable Foundation President



## From the Basketball Free Throw Chairman

By John Mommersteeg

The Knights of Columbus Alberta/Northwest Territories State Council sponsors the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship in Alberta and the Northwest Territories for boys and girls aged ten to fourteen years old. The annual competition begins in February 2010 and completes when the international champions are named in April. The championship includes four levels of competition beginning with the Council competitions. The top three winners advance to the district competitions and then to the regional competitions and finally to the provincial competition.

There are 168 active councils in the state of Alberta/Northwest Territories organized into thirty-five districts and five regions. Each council provides funding for their level of competition and shares in the cost of the district and regional events. Each council also provided a registration fee (\$75) to support the regional and provincial events. The Provincial Free Throw Chairman provides awards for all Regional and Provincial winners. Supreme Council provides the Free Throw Championship Kits at no cost to each council, but the kits must be ordered from Supreme Council. Visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to order the kit as well as print off additional score sheets if needed.

Over 137,000 boys and girls ages 10 to 14 took part in the 36th Annual Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship in 2009. Youth participated in local, council, district, regional and provincial competition, seeing who could make the most baskets in twenty-five free throw attempts. Provincial winners had their scores sent to the Supreme Council office where they were reviewed to determine the best shooters in each age division. Approximately 3,200 Knights of Columbus councils hosted a competition in 2009.

In Alberta, sixty-six councils participated in the Free Throw Championship representing twenty-seven districts and all regions. An estimated 2,400 boys and girls participated in the local council competitions. I look forward to increased participation in 2010. Start planning now and appoint your Council Free Throw Chairman. Please call John Mommersteeg at 780-473-0763 with any questions or send an email to [jmommer@telusplanet.net](mailto:jmommer@telusplanet.net).

John Mommersteeg  
Basketball Free Throw Chairman



## From the Wheelchair Foundation

By Jerry O'Connor, State Wheelchair Foundation Chairman

Dear Brother Knights:

As we gear up to full speed ahead for this Columbian Year, I am most pleased to report that your individual and council support continues to show your tremendous enthusiasm and support for charity in our Order.

The Wheelchair Foundation Program continues to do well and I extend my debt of gratitude and appreciation to all for such encouraging support to people and children of poverty in the world.

To date, our Alberta/Northwest Territories jurisdiction has donated \$20,650 and continues to steadily increase. The grand total in contributions to the Wheelchair Program thus far from all of the jurisdictions in Canada who are participating stands at an astounding \$319,266.

Special recognition and thanks are in order for the St. Nicholas Byzantine Council #7659 of Calgary who donated \$5,000 and also to the St. Martin of Tours Council #14462 of Donnelly for their contribution of \$3,000. The Donnelly Council organized a community "fishing derby" which encompassed the entire town and for their successful effort by way of total community involvement, they are certainly deserving of such special recognition towards helping people of poverty.

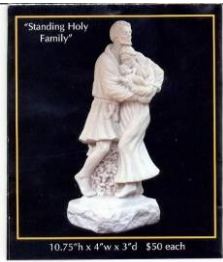
This coming November, the Wheelchair Foundation is in conjunction with the Order of the Knights of Columbus will be in full force in Mexico to present hundreds of these wheelchairs to those people of poverty and all thanks to you unselfish donations and acts of charity. Many of our Knights from all over Canada and the U.S. will be present to express out unity and charity via the personal presentations of these wheelchairs.

My most profound expressions of thanks and gratitude are offers to all my Brother Knights. Your continued annual support of this wonderful worldwide humanitarian program in service to poverty and the disabled are indeed an expression of hope and dignity to and for these people.

God bless all Knights of Columbus and their families.

Jerry O'Connor  
State Wheelchair Foundation Chairman





### Winners of the Standing Holy Family Statue

#### August 2009

John & Helan Jansen  
Edmonton Council #13312

#### September 2009

Lawrence & Elaine Rowan  
Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064

### CONDOLENCES

Our prayers to the family of Joanne Beke who passed away October 12, 2009. Joanne was the mother of Brother Knight John Beke.

Our prayer to John McLellan and his family for the passing of his sister Patricia Janisko.

Our prayers to the family of Richard (Dick) White who passed away Oct 12, 2009.

### Calendar of Events

#### **May 14-16, 2010**

**Annual State Council Meeting (Convention)**  
Lethbridge Felix Michna  
(403) 381-6422

#### **2010 State Hockey Tournament**

This event is now available to all Councils

#### **2010 State Curling Bonspiel**

St. Albert the Great Council, Calgary  
March 12 & 13, 2010

#### **2011 State Curling Bonspiel**

Leduc Council #7061  
More information to follow

When applying for Athletic events, please use the specific form. Forms can be found in the GK Manual.

### Third Degree Exemplification Schedule

Date	Location
November 7, 2009	Edmonton,
November 14, 2009	Peace River
November 28, 2009	Calgary
February 6, 2010	Barrhead
March 6, 2010	Fort McMurray
March 7, 2010	Lethbridge
March 13, 2010	Edmonton
March 20, 2010	Wainwright
April 10, 2010	Red Deer
April 24, 2010	Grande Prairie
May 22, 2010	Calgary
May 29, 2010	Fort Sask/Sherwood Park

### Fourth Degree Exemplification Schedule

Date	Location
October 24, 2009	Airdrie
November 21, 2009	Medicine Hat
November 28, 2009	Edmonton
May 1, 2010	Calgary