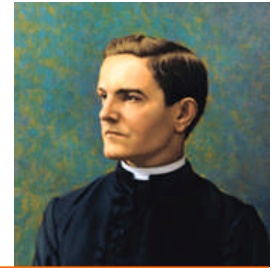




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From August 1st to 4th, I had the honour of leading the Saskatchewan Delegation at the 129th Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in Denver, Colorado. The delegates representing Saskatchewan included 3 members of the State Board and 5 elected delegates from around the Province. In addition to the delegates, 2 members of the Hierarchy of Saskatchewan as well as several other Knights from Saskatchewan were in at-



tendance. Plus myself, the following represented the Province;
 State Chaplain Bishop Bryan Bayda, Eparch of Saskatoon
 Abbot Peter Novocosky of Muenster
 State Secretary Gilles Doiron of Moose Jaw
 State Treasurer Denis Carignan of Battleford
 District Deputy Kevin Roche of Regina
 District Deputy Abel De Sa of Saskatoon
 District Deputy Peter Melle of Estevan
 District Deputy Curt Orth of Gerald
 Grand Knight Bob Tiede of Moose Jaw

Canadian Section Meeting

Prior to the Supreme Convention Opening the Annual "Canadian Section" Meeting was held. I am the current President of the Canadian Section, and so chaired the meeting which included Vice-Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie, Supreme Director Yves Duceppe of Quebec, and Supreme Director Bob Cayea of Ontario. The main theme that came out of this meeting was the importance of maintaining and strengthening our good relationship that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Efforts will be made, in the coming months, to strengthen contact between the Canadian Section of the Knights of Columbus and the CCCB.

The Supreme Convention

The Supreme Convention's Opening Mass began with a Procession of 84 Fourth Degree Members in Regalia, 119 Priests, 68 Abbots, Bishops & Archbishops, and 10 Cardinals. (cont'd on Page 2)

Each day of the Convention began with Mass before the Delegates addressed the press-

STATE NEWSLETTERS NOW AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL or FROM THE STATE WEBSITE

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Editor—Pat Meuse

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ing concerns of the Reports and Resolutions. In his opening remarks, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson declared this year's Convention theme, taken from Pope John Paul II's apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, "**So That the World May Know New Hope**". This theme speaks of our duty as Knights to spread the hope that is ours in our Faith, through Evangelization. It reminds us that the New Evangelization is an obligation of love; that it is our duty to show to the world the hope that comes from the unity, and solidarity experienced in a communal encounter with the living Jesus Christ. We are called to re-dedicate ourselves to serve God, our neighbours, Parishes and communities, and with the spiritual guidance of the heads of our Church, we will rekindle the flame of faith in our own lives and in those around us.

During the Opening Session I read the Convention Message from the Prime Minister (representing the Government of Canada). I also chaired the Committee writing Greetings to the Papal Nuncio for Canada. It was an Honour to be trusted with these tasks. I also received a copy of the new Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will be travelling Saskatchewan for the next 2 years. This is a very special Icon as it has not only been Blessed by Pope Benedict XVI but it also has been touched to the Tilma cloth on which the original image appeared and still remains.

Resolutions - This year over 320 Resolutions were submitted to the Convention from the various State Councils in North and Central America, the Philippines and Poland, dealing with both internal and community concerns. The following are the most pertinent "community concerned" resolutions.

Honouring Emilio B. Moure – A Motion was passed remembering recently deceased Supreme Secretary Emilio Moure

Honouring Blessed John Paul II – That Knights of Columbus, along with their families, foster a special devotion to Blessed John Paul II and pray for his canonization; and that we affirm the action of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus to establish an Archdiocesan Shrine dedicated to Blessed John Paul II in Washington, D.C., including exhibits on his life and legacy

Building a Culture of Life – That we call for the adoption of laws that recognize and protect in law the right of conscience for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical personnel, guaranteeing that they may not be forced to provide medical services which violate their religious beliefs

Support for Religious Liberty - That we urge our elected officials and judges to protect the religious liberty rights of all citizens

Support the Institution of Marriage - That we will never waver in our efforts to promote the Church's understanding of marriage as the faithful exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love;

Support for Armed Forces - That the Knights of Columbus reaffirms its unequivocal gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women of the armed forces who defend our liberties and freedoms

Support for Catholic Education - That the Knights of Columbus expresses its strong support for Catholic schools everywhere, and encourages legislation and policies that would establish parental choice in education

Amending Section 125, Order of Business - That to enhance the Chaplain's participation in council meetings to provide moral and spiritual leadership and catechetical instruction, Section 125 of the Laws of the Order shall be revised so that a Chaplain's Message is designated as Item No. 7 in the Order of Business, replacing the Chaplain's Report, and preceding the Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Awards – The following are the major awards presented at the Supreme Convention. Saskatchewan did not win any awards this year. Here is a list of some of the awards presented including a new award for Pro-Life special projects;

- Church** – Stella Maris Council #4265 in Fort San Felipe, Luzon, the Philippines, constructed a memorial shrine to Blessed John Paul II

- Community** – Des Lacs Council #10048 in Lac au Saumon, Quebec, helped raise \$105,000 to purchase a new handicapped-accessible van for an organization that provides aid to people with disabilities.

- Council** – Council #2205 in Wahpeton, North Dakota, constructed a meeting room in the basement

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of the local parish center at a cost of \$160,000

•**Family** – Islands Council #10579 in Savannah, Georgia, solicited the help of parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle Church to collect baby and child care supplies for a U.S. military clinic serving civilians in Afghanistan

•**Pro-life** – Kennewick Council 8179 in Kennewick, Washington, which has a strong pro-life history, this year choose to add to their efforts by obtaining a box truck outfitted with a pro-life billboard. They made sure the truck was visible throughout the area at 40 Days for Life, Pro-Life marches, at demonstrations in front of Planned Parenthood, and at other high visibility events.

•**Youth** – St. Mary Council 4458 in Derby, Kansas contributed 475 hours to provide an activity each and every month for the young people of their parish and community.

2011 Family of the Year - Ronald and Elizabeth Simurdiak Family of Father John Patrick Slowey Council 2963 in Phillips, Wisconsin.

Anaheim, California – Next year's Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Anaheim, California, beginning on the 1st Tuesday of August, 2012. If you would like to be a delegate to the Anaheim Supreme Convention and you have served the Knights of Saskatchewan in the past, please consider letting your name stand during the Supreme Delegate's Election which will be held at the 2012 Saskatchewan State Convention in Regina.

**Edward Gibney SD
Saskatchewan**

Foundation President

The Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation is enjoying another successful year financially. Our Councils and membership continue to show their generosity in assisting us to achieve our mandate "To promote, finance and assist charitable projects for all people without distinction as to race, color or creed."

This year we will be achieving another major milestone in our growth as we surpass \$2.0 million in our Fund. In order to celebrate this achievement, we are hosting a banquet in Humboldt on Saturday, October 29th, 2011. We encourage all Councils to support this function by their attendance.

In order to provide an additional medium for contributions to our Foundation, we recently introduced the Memorial Charity of Choice donation campaign. Earlier this year we distributed "In Memorium" envelopes to all funeral chapels within the province. The intent is to have a specific package of materials available at each funeral chapel for donations in the unfortunate event that a Brother Knight or family member is part of a funeral service.

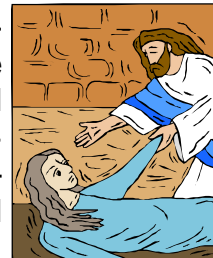
When completing the preparation for a funeral service, the family would request that the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation be included in the list of memorial donors. The Funeral Director will then provide the Foundation envelopes to the attendees at the service.

It is our hope that this campaign will increase the annual donations received by the Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation and also increase the awareness of the Foundation within the potential membership of our Catholic communities. Any assistance in increasing understanding and awareness within the membership of the Knights of Columbus is certainly appreciated.

**Harvey Granatier
Foundation President**

IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

The most effective method of fighting the culture of death is through prayer. The Supreme office has an abundance of literature to choose from, but the one I would like councils to use is the National Prayer For Life cards. The title of this card is "ON OUR KNEES". The Prayer card is item #9856. Like all pro-life literature from the Supreme Office you only need to pay for shipping. We recommend that you order sufficient quantities, for distribution through your churches to every man woman and



child. We need to get back on our knees, and with God's help we will see the victory, for the building up of a Culture of Life.

November is coming much quicker than I like, and this is an election year in Saskatchewan. Make sure you know where your candidates stand on the culture of life issues. Also, make sure they are willing to do something when in office. I am tired of candidates that claim to be in support of life, but when in office do nothing about it. We need to see action. At the provincial level, there are numerous methods available for our MLA's to build a Culture of Life. The first is to defund abortion. Abortion is used as a means of secondary birth control and the taxpayers must not be forced to fund this practice. The MLAs are also responsible for providing adequate health care and palliative care for the sick and dying.

Also, begin advertising the Knights of Columbus Life Chain Sunday, for October 2. This is a chance to be a powerful witness for the protection of the most innocent of human life. It is time, the more than 10,000 knights of Columbus members in the province, to come out to show their support. If your community does not hold a life chain or if you want more information about how to conduct one, please call me at 249-2764

Vivat Jesus

Louis Roth In Support of Life



Council 4850 Redvers together with the CWL invited the parishes graduates to a special mass in their honour. G.K. Re-al Wolensky presents the grads with a small gift and best wishes.



Father Hermes Council 5256 (St. Walburg) held their 3rd Annual Prayer Walk on May 29. Twenty-six participants walked the first mile of St. Walburg's section of the Trans-Canada Trail, stopping at intervals to say a decade of the rosary and singing hymns while walking between stops. A sixth decade was added to pray for rain as this section of the province is extra dry, having received no rain yet this year. The participants ranged in age from 3 years old to 93 years young.

State Membership & Roundtables

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us . . . If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage."

Romans 12: 6-8

Goooooooooooooooooooood Morning Saskatchewan!!!!

(Think of Robin Williams as he said something similar in Good Morning Viet Nam)

How was your summer?? I trust that you have taken the time to "get away" and recharge your batteries with a summer full of sun, golf, cottage, lake and other summertime activities. I also trust that you have taken time to put into place plans that will excite you and your council and that will lead you to great accomplishments this year for your Church and community. And within those plans I trust you have thought about membership and roundtables.

This is my second year as State Membership and Roundtables Director. Over the past year I have learned many things. I know that Saskatchewan is a unique jurisdiction within the Order and has its challenges. However, no matter how unique we are, there are similarities with other jurisdictions. One thing that Saskatchewan is noted for is the number of Catholic men who are Knights. In many areas most of the eligible men are already Knights. But you know what – there are councils and States (like councils in Kansas) that have even a greater percentage of Catholic men in their councils. Not only have they got most of the men as members, they continue to be one of the leading jurisdictions in having even more men become knights. They continue to ask and repeat their efforts. As a result – they (Kansas) are very visible by the good deeds they do.

As mentioned by our State Deputy in his recent report, over the past 2 decades the Saskatchewan jurisdiction has seen its membership decline. Some would suggest that "we have stopped asking" and that we aren't able to do all the good deeds we have to potential to do. We are looking for help in reversing that trend.

We ask:

Every Council to recruit at least 1 new member. Better yet, don't stop at just one.

Parish Roundtables & promotion with First Nations

Recruiting young members in the 18 – 35 age group.

How can we help you!! We are of service – we can teach – and we certainly can encourage.

Our State Membership team includes Regional Consultants:

Wayne Exner – Yorkton & Area

Jim Stoffel – Regina & Area

Earl Synkiw – Saskatoon and Area

Kerry Yuzik – Swift Current & Area

We are looking for 2 more – one for the Northeast; and one for the northwest

Our success will be measured in how well we can be of service/teaching/encouraging to the DDs and councils. We, along with Supreme Membership and Program Coordinator Dan O'Hara have gifts to offer – we are at your service!!

Brother Dan was in Saskatoon August 21th to conduct a training session for our Regional Consultants. He was in Regina August 22st, Saskatoon August 23rd and Prince Albert August 24th to assist with the regional organizational meetings. If you are interested in having Brother Dan come to your area please don't hesitate to be in touch with your DD/Regional Membership Director or myself to make arrangements.

We are excited about your potential accomplishments this year and would be so grateful for having been able to share our gifts with you, contributing to those accomplishments

May God's Blessings guide you to a very, very successful year!

Brian Schatz
State Advocate

Sask. Knights of Columbus

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FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 2011

HUMBOLDT, SASK.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL

(Hwy #5 & 10th Street)

MASS 5:00 P.M. -- BANQUET & PROGRAM 7:00 P.M.

TICKETS \$25/PERSON \$50/COUPLE

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS to all \$1000.00 DONORS

Seating capacity of the hall is 300. Special guests and all those receiving complimentary invitations are asked to notify the Foundation Office (see top of page) by October 1st, 2011 if they will be attending the banquet. The remaining banquet tickets will be sold on a "first come" basis.

Guest Speaker – State Chaplain Bishop Bryan Bayda

Tickets will be mailed in September.

Make cheques payable to Sask. K of C Charitable Foundation.

Hotels: Bella Vista (306) 682-2686 ----- Canalta (306) 682-4731

(Indicate to the hotel that you are attending the K of C Celebration)

STATE SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS

The deadline to submit a project for the State Special Project Awards is 15 March. There are Projects in the following areas:

[Church, Community, Council, Youth, Family of the Year and Pro-Life](#)

You can submit your project at anytime, however any project that that occurs after 15 March will be considered for the following year. To submit your project forward it to the General Program Director at kofc.saskstate.sgpd@sasktel.net by E-mail or at the State Office by Snail Mail

General Program Director
214 Avenue M South
Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4



STATE COUNCIL DIRECTOR

Saskatchewan State Council Events Update

Our Columbian year is already well underway and I would be like to thank those Councils that took time in the last Columbian year to apply, prepare and host State Events. I am sure that these Councils have experienced a satisfaction beyond compare. I know that for myself, working along with the Knights of then District 8 preparing and delivering the 2011 Convention has been an experience I am not soon to forget. We all had a great time doing it and feel pretty good of our accomplishments.

Now that we have returned from the Supreme Convention, we need to look at the year ahead. I should start by updating the Calendar with the events for the upcoming Columbian year.

Events that have now been confirmed for the remainder of 2011 are: Charity Appeal Draw to be held in Yorkton, to be hosted by Council #5182 on 5th of November. The Mid Term Meeting will be in Moose Jaw hosted by Council #1534 on 2nd to 4th of December.

Confirmed events for the first half of 2012 are as follows: State Convention, to be hosted by the Regina Chapter will be held 20th to 22nd of April 2012 (see below). State Golf will be held in Prince Albert, hosted by St Joseph Council #8547 on the week end of 8th to 10th of June 2012. The Organizational Meeting will be held in Meadow Lake on the week end of 22nd to 24th of June 2012 and will be hosted by Council #5259.

At this time, I wish to remind everyone that we are still waiting for applications for State Curling to be held in the early part of February 2012. It is now critical someone comes forward to host this important event, curling and Saskatchewan are synonymous so I would hate to see this fraternal event disappear.

Regina is now working on the Spiritual week end. A date in early March is being looked at as a preferred date but availability of the required speakers may have an impact on setting the final date, more to follow on this one and keep an eye on the State Web Site www.kofcsask.com for updates.

Regina Chapter is preparing to host the 2012 State Convention and have been negotiating hard to keep the prices reasonable. As a result, they have had to go away from the Delta Regina and everything under one roof. Based on the decreasing numbers of the last few conventions, the organizing committee could not guarantee that the attendance would be above a certain threshold therefore increasing the hotel expenses to an unprecedented and unrealistic value for the membership. The convention committee therefore has switched their focus to finalizing arrangements with Evarz/Queensbury and some other hotel accommodations. The convention will therefore be held – **a week earlier than advertized** – on the week end of April 20th to 22nd of April 2012. So please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Vivat Jesus

Gilles Doiron
State Secretary/Council Director

District 1

01247 Regina
04280 Regina
04704 Regina
09278 Regina
10313 Regina

District 2

05914 Regina
08896 Regina
09859 Regina
10418 Regina
13214 Regina

District 3

05949 Regina
06493 Southey
10401 Regina
10797 Regina
11307 Regina
12415 Regina

District 4

01534 Moose Jaw
02513 Willowbunch
02994 Lisieux
03360 Assiniboia
09760 Moose Jaw
10213 Marquis

District 5

02071 Gravelbourg
02725 Shaunavon
03142 Ponteix
05393 Hodgeville
03878 LaFleche

District 6

03031 Swift Current
05735 Fox Valley
06330 Lancer
07139 Liebenthal
08962 Gull Lake
08991 Maple Creek

District 7

05557 Dysart
10029 Fort Qu'Appelle
10239 Balgonie
12943 Indian Head

District 8

03559 Montmartre
03802 Windthorst
06381 Kendal
07564 Candiac
10265 Wolseley

District 9

01731 Weyburn
03161 Radville
03165 Estevan
04850 Redvers
05248 Lampman
10317 Carlyle
10400 Torquay

District 10

05249 Esterhazy
05408 Langenburg
05858 Moosomin
06182 Gerald
06362 Whitewood

District 11

02031 Yorkton
05182 Yorkton
05201 Melville
005320 Ituna
05965 Grayson

District 12

05970 Foam Lake
06594 Kelvington-Rose Valley
07436 Wynyard
08239 Wadena
08338 Lestock-Wishart

District 13

04899 Kindersley
05238 Rosetown
06331 Eston

District 14

03920 Denzil
05474 Macklin
06588 Kerrobert
06684 Luseland
07150 Tramping Lake

District 15

02094 North. Battleford
05626 Battleford
05694 Vawn-Edam
05878 N. Battleford
07336 N. Battleford

District 16

03456 Debden
05353 Spiritwood
09761 Shellbrook
10856 Leoville

District 17

01519 Prince Albert
05543 Prince Albert
08547 Prince Albert
08655 Prince Albert
09949 Prince Albert

District 18

05219 Tisdale
05788 Melfort
09757 St. Brieux
10174 Naicam

District 19

05256 St. Walburg
05259 Meadow Lake
05479 Goodsoil

District 20

03183 Cudworth
05976 Wakaw
06755 St. Louis
07497 Prud'homme

District 21

05861 Canora
06132 Kamsack
07138 Sturgis-Preeceville
09713 Rama

District 22

03177 Zenon Park
05968 Huson Bay
07140 Carrot River
07315 Nipawin

District 23

01886 Humboldt
05838 Annaheim
05850 Watson
05946 Lake Lenore
06044 Pilger
06395 Engelfeld
08752 Muenster

District 24

05859 Allan
06068 Lanigan
06529 Viscount

District 25

05384 Davidson
08301 Saskatoon
08638 Saskatoon
09690 Martensville
12156 Saskatoon
12740 Outlook

District 26

05104 Saskatoon
09539 Saskatoon
09848 Saskatoon
11888 Saskatoon
13129 Saskatoon

District 27

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11936 Saskatoon

District 28

08215 Saskatoon
08905 Saskatoon
10580 Saskatoon
10587 Saskatoon
11429 Saskatoon
11775 Saskatoon

District 29

03575 Wilkie
05549 Landis
05707 Unity
06169 Biggar
09647 Cut Knife

New Regional Zones

Zone #1 - Districts 1, 2, 3 & 7
Zone #2 - Districts 8, 9 & 10
Zone #3 - Districts 4, 5 & 6
Zone #4 - Districts 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28
Zone #5 - Districts 13, 14 & 29
Zone #6 - Districts 11, 12 & 21
Zone #7 - Districts 15 & 19
Zone #8 - Districts 16, 17 & 20
Zone #9 - Districts 18, 22 & 23

YOUTH AND SQUIRES

Greetings Brother Knights.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

As we approach the beginning of the fall season, councils are starting to ramp up for another year. I hope to bring some things to your planning checklists.

World Youth Day from August 16 – 21. Supreme will be part of the event in Madrid, the host center. Supreme is expected to set up a website for the event. Consider planning a council event for the youth in your Parish & community.

Soccer challenge – Please order your kits if you plan to participate this year. I would suggest approaching the schools as soon as time allows. Note: if the schools seem to think the fall is too busy for the program, suggest doing it in the spring once the weather gets nice. Just adjust the ages for the following year's contest and submit it in the fall when you normally would.

Hockey shoot out challenge. I know it seems a bit early to be talking about hockey, but mid-august it starts up in the city. Last year, Supreme offered a pilot project on a Hockey Challenge. I am curious if any councils/districts are willing to try taking it on this year. I hope by bringing it up early, the teams may be open to try the shootout challenge. Please send me an email if your council is interested and I will forward you all the information to review. jtriffel@shaw.ca .

I have sent out an email to the Worthy District Deputies regarding some changes to the **Regional Zones** (based on the District realignment that occurred in June/July). Please contact your District Deputy or look at the new list on the State Website (Under PROGRAMS / Youth. Editor's note: The list is also in this newsletter on Page 8).

And I still offer a challenge to all the councils and districts in the province to organize a **Columbian Squires Circle**. We have lots of people with experience with them, so if you have any questions, again please don't hesitate to send me a note and I will help get you the best answer/information.

Did your Council do something special this summer worthy of a **State Youth Award**? Please take pictures, make some notes and consider entering it towards the State award for the next convention. I will send out reminders for the other programs we support. But if you are ordering soccer kits now why not order all the kits at once: Soccer Challenge, Essay Contest, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster contest, and Basketball Free Throw.

And if your council is still looking for groups to support, please consider supporting the Saskatchewan Youth Parliament (SYP) and Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). I can provide information if required.

Until our next meeting or report, have a nice day.

Sincerely,

Joseph Riffel

State Youth & Columbian Squires Director

SPORTS DAY FOR PRIESTS

Tuesday, July 26, St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster was the scene for the first sports/activities day organized by the Knights of Columbus for our priests.

Priests from all three diocese of Saskatchewan participated in a variety of activities of their choice during the course of the day. The day began with a prayer service at the monastery chapel followed by lunch. A total of 32 priests and 7 Knights took part in activities such as golf, soccer, ladder golf, table tennis, and horseshoes. Participants also had the opportunity to visit the Abbey and view the renovations to the College which are in progress. Many also took the opportunity to visit the beautiful Cathedral. Following the afternoon activities, the participants attended vespers with the monks. The day ended with a supper meal prepared by St. Peter's kitchen staff.

Special thanks to Father Demetrius, his staff, and the monks at the Abbey for hosting this event. Thanks also to all those who came from near and far to enjoy a day of activities and camaraderie. Thanks also to the Councils for helping their priests attend this event by providing them with financial support. Finally, thanks to the Knights for providing transportation to their priest(s) and to those who helped organize this event. As this was a first, we have learned from the experience. Our observations and feedback from the participants will help us make improvements for next year. One suggestion was to organize competitions between the priests and the Knights. Brother Knights, are we up for the challenge?

Denis Carignan - Coordinator



PICTURES FROM THE CLERGY SPORTS DAY

State Warden / General Program Director

Brother Knights,

As we begin this new fraternal year, we can be justly proud of the charitable, membership, and insurance accomplishments of our order. We have indeed answered many prayers, but we have to recognize that there are many more prayers to be answered. There is much to do in our parishes and communities; all that is necessary is the commitment and dedication of all our knights to "service".

I urge all knights to get involved in your council in the many excellent programs that are available in the "Surge With Service" manual and in the Yearly Planning Guide available on the State website. We are facing challenging times where church attendance is declining, the family unit is under attack and volunteerism to serve others rather than self is continuously on the decline.

There has never been a time when we need more knights. Knights should be at the forefront in defending and promoting our Catholic faith. We must be evangelizers in our parishes and show by examples, words and deeds that God is a priority in our lives.

There are several goals that Councils are encouraged to focus on in the coming year.

Plan activities and goals for each month. Please refer to the Sask. State website @ www.kofcsask.com to access three documents to help in your planning:

Council Yearly Planning Guide

How To Encourage Attendance At Meetings

Planning For Success

Include activities that allow knights to grow spiritually in their faith. Include prayer and the Formation Program (available on the State website) at your meetings.

Place more emphasis on family activities and youth activities in your parishes. This is where new members will be found. Strengthening and promoting family life, family values and family activities must remain one of our top priorities if we are to maintain the social fabric of our parishes and communities.

Membership is important. I urge all councils to plan a yearly membership program that includes recruitment, retention and involvement of the membership.

Conduct a public relations program that shows the visibility of the knights in your parish. Let the community know about the good deeds that knights conduct.

Reporting: Please ensure that all monthly evaluation forms and the forms to Supreme are being submitted. I will list some of the forms that are due in the next three months:

Monthly evaluation reports are due the 11th of each month. Send them to the State General Program Director.

Form 2630 – Report of Knights of Columbus Round Table was due June 30

Form 2863 – Refund/Plaque Application – June 30

Form 3P7 – Columbus Award Application – June 30

Form 185 – Report of Council Officers – June 30

Form 365 – service Program Personnel – Aug. 1

Form 1295 – Semi-Annual Audit – Aug. 15

Form 5A – Kit Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest – order Sept. 1

Form FT Kit – Free Throw Competition Order Kit – order Nov. 1

Form EA Kit – Essay Contest Competition Kit – order Sept. 1

Form SC Kit – Soccer Challenge Kit – order Aug. 15

Form 2629 – Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator – Sept. 7

Below I have listed projects that Councils may consider for the months of August, September and October.

August

Aug. 7 – 15 Knights of Columbus Family Week - plan a parish family event; hand out Item # 310 Letter to Families and/or Item # 318 The Family in the Modern World

Aug. 12 Anniversary of the birth of Father McGivney - hand out Fr. McGivney Prayer Cards Item # 2617

Aug. 14 Anniversary of the death of Father McGivney - hand out brochure The Life and Legacy of Father Michael McGivney Item # 2945

Sale of Charity Appeal Tickets (Cont'd on Page 12)

Pay a stipend for a Mass to end abortion
Recruitment Teams

September

Sept. 11 World Day of Prayer for Peace – hand out peace prayer cards Item #9484 or a Scriptural Rosary for Peace Item # 319 or world Day of Prayer Booklet – Message of Pope Benedict Item # 441

Develop membership prospect list

Pay a stipend for a Mass to end abortion

Youth Soccer Challenge

Sale of Charity Appeal Tickets

October

Knights lead rosary before mass – distribute Rosary Prayer Cards Item # 1877

Pro-life Mass – pro-life speaker; sale of memberships; distribute Evangeleum Vitae Item # 2914 - Church's

teaching on Sanctity of Life; Gospel of Life Prayer Cards Item # 4237 and Prayer for Life Prayer Cards Item # 4665

Membership Blitz and Open House

Thanksgiving Mass

Wheelchair Foundation Project

Once again, please get involved in the church and the Knights of Columbus. Show by your work, words and deeds that you are doing your part to serve others. There is no greater honor for a knight than to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Keep up the good work and have a rewarding and fulfilling Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus

Chris Bencharski, State Warden



On the evening of March 30, 2011 at St. Joseph Parish in Indian Head Sask the Knights of Columbus (Father Joe Balzer Council 12943) Celebrated their tenth year anniversary .



June 23, 2011, Pope John Paul I - Nipawin Knights held a BBQ supper for all Knights , spouses and widows of former Knights.

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Check out the Foundation's Web Site at www.kofcsask.com/state_web_016.htm