

BC & Yukon Knight



The Official Newsletter of the BC & Yukon State Council **SUMMER ISSUE**
2012



Wil Wilmot

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Well how quickly the summer has passed and now it is time that we turn our full attention to achieving our goals and commitments and ensuring that our program activities are ready to go.

During the summer Val and I were privileged to once again lead our jurisdiction's delegation to the Supreme Convention. It was a terrific experience to again witness the procession to the opening Mass; this year we were blessed to have twelve Cardinals present to concelebrate the Mass. British Columbia & Yukon Knights were single out by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson as being number 1 in the entire Order, and for the 15th consecutive year, for per capita giving to charity. Our total was \$278.89 per member. Impressive to say the least. My deepest and most sincere thanks to Knights and their families across the jurisdiction that make this happen, time and time again. BRAVO ZULU! (Navy talk for exceptionally well done one and all). Grand Knight Edgar Ursua and Mrs. Priscilla Ursua were guests of the Supreme Board of Directors for the convention. Grand Knight Edgar and Priscilla accepted the Culture of Life award on behalf of Archbishop Duke Council 6855 in Richmond. As State winners in the Pro-Life category for their 49 hours of prayer to end Abortion program they were judged to be the Supreme award winner as well. Thank you to our Brothers and Sisters in Richmond for the honour you bring to the State and for showing us all the leadership that is necessary for success in building the Culture of Life.

Our membership recruitment efforts over the summer show marked improvement over last year, however our suspensions are at about at the same level. Why, when we work so hard to bring in new life to our councils are we so eager to show others the door. I frequently hear that membership recruitment is simply about numbers. New members are an absolute necessity if a council is to survive, but maintaining our current members and keeping them involved is equally important. Look around at the councils in difficulty. When was the last time they welcomed a new member and his family into theirs? Brothers; the indisputable fact is that new members and active programs ensure vibrant and healthy councils!

Enough of the lecture – This is the year of the abbreviated Regional Seminar trip. Our Worthy State Secretary and I will be visiting some of the more remote areas, to bring updates and to meet our Brothers who do not normally have the opportunity to discuss issues face-to-face with State Officers. We will be joined by our Membership & Program Consultant, Brother Dan O'Hara, PSD.

Upcoming also is the bi-annual Chaplains' Seminar 23-25 October. Invitations to all Council Chaplains from our State Chaplain, Bishop Gagnon were mailed out a few weeks ago. If your chaplain did not receive his it is because there is no contact information in the State Directory or the information there is incorrect. If your chaplain did not receive his invitation and is considering attending the event please send me an email.

I would also like to remind one and all of the Archdiocesan Men's Conference to be held Saturday Oct 27. Look for the details in the notice in this bulletin. Please plan to join the State Officers at this major evangelization seminar. Also those Grand Knights who pledge financial support at the spring convention are reminded to honour that commitment. Budgets are determined based on that commitment.

I wish all councils every success as our fraternal year gets into full swing and I am looking forward to meeting many of you at Major Degree Exemplifications and various other Council functions over the coming months.

Vivat Jesus!
Wil

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Installation of State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies



**British Columbia and Yukon State Council Officers 2012-2013
with Associate State Chaplain Reverend Nicholas Boomars (center)**



State Council Directors and Chairmen with the State Officers



British Columbia and Yukon District Deputies with State Deputy Wil Wilmot



2012-2013 District Deputies Organizational Meeting

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, British Columbia June 29 and 30th, 2012.

L-R: Immediate Past State Deputy Michael Yeo, State Advocate Peter Horsfield, State Secretary Ed Shawchuk, State Deputy Wil Wilmot, Supreme Council Membership and Program Consultant Dan O'Hara, State Advocate Arcie Lim, State Warden Michael Gernat and Executive Assistant to State Deputy Herb Yang..

5th ANNUAL STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

STATE COUNCIL PROGRAM

FORE Fun and Fraternalism

By State Warden Michael Gernat

The Fifth Annual State Golf Tournament hosted by Saint James Council 4949. was held at Vernon Golf and Country Club on Saturday, July 21st. While the turnout was not what we had envisioned, those who did attend, had a great time.

The tournament was won by our Insurance Agents: Joe vender Buhs, Shawn Fetter and Blaine Anhel, along with Brother Ed Mitchell from Council 7991 Qualicum Beach. But the locals held onto the Skill contests, with Deb Faris-Gernat winning Ladies Longest Drive and Kate Gernat (Alberta import) winning the Ladies Closest to the Pin. Ben Moore of 12202 took home the honors of Men's longest Drive and Brad Jones showed the men how to get Closest to the Pin.

Marguerite Stickland of Kelowna won the Indoor Ladies putting contest and Michael Gernat won the 50/50 Skill Putting contest. (his winnings were donated to Pennies for Heaven)

Our WSD, Brother Wil Wilmot and his foursome showed off their true colours sporting BC Lions logos....Brother Wil said it would be the first and last time! For those of you unaware, Brother Wil's blood runs green for the Saskatchewan RR.

Everyone went home with a memento of the tournament , a full stomach and a smile on their faces. Special thanks to our non-golfing committee members: WGK, Sal D'Agosto, Johnny and Deanna Toporchak, Kevin and Maureen Schmaltz and Joe Dorval.



Left to Right : EA to State Deputy HERB YANG, State Advocate ARCIE J. LIM and State Deputy WIL WILMOT. Not in Photo: IP State Deputy Michael Yeo

SILVER ROSE RUN
STATE PRO-LIFE PROGRAM



**Handover Ceremony of Silver Rose on July 15, 2012
from British Columbia, Canada to Washington State, USA**



**BC & Yukon State
Colour Guards led by
Master Antonio Pimentel**



**BC & Yukon State Deputy Wil Wilmot
handing over the Silver Rose to Washing-
ton State Representative Mike Calderon,
Hispanic Membership Coordinator.**



**Washington State
Colour Guards**



**BC & Yukon State Deputy
Wil Wilmot and wife, Val
with the Colour Guards
of British Columbia**



130th SUPREME CONVENTION

Anaheim, California 2012



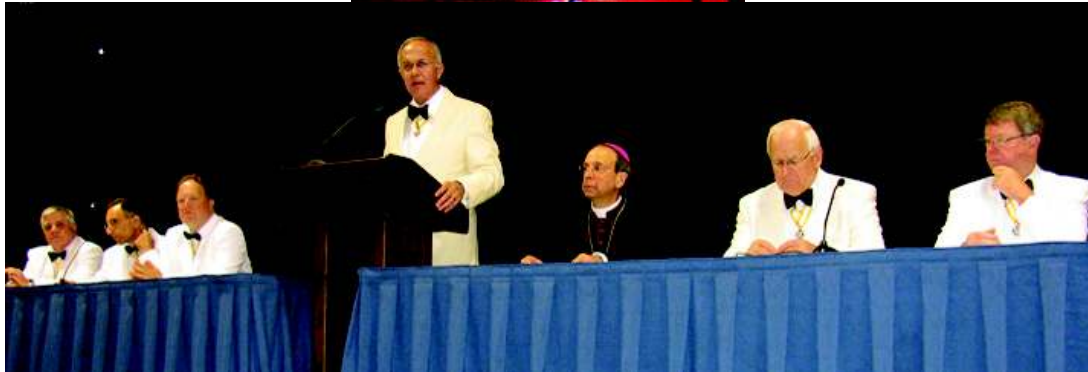
State Deputy Wil Wilmot, as President of Canadian Association of the Knights of Columbus reads greetings from Prime Minister Stephen Harper to the delegates of the 130th Supreme Convention held in Anaheim, California from August 7 to 9, 2012. Behind is Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson with the Supreme Chaplain Most Rev. William E. Lori



State Chaplain Most Reverend Bishop Richard Gagnon with the BC & Yukon State Council Officers. Also in photo, is State Communications Chairman Edgar C. Ursua and guests.



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at the States Dinner 2012 last August 8, 2012 with the Supreme Chaplain Most Reverend William E. Lori and the Supreme Council Officers.



British Columbia & Yukon State Council Officers and Wives.

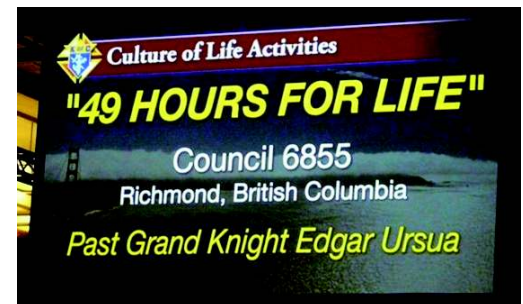
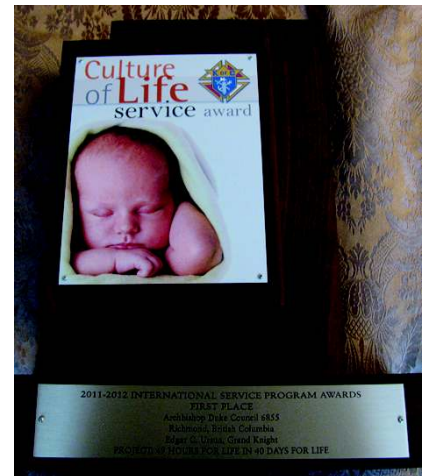


British Columbia and Yukon Jurisdiction

International Award for Culture of Life



L-R: BC & Yukon State Deputy Wil and Val Wilmot, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson(center), Mrs. Priscilla Ursua and Immediate Past Grand Knight Edgar C. Ursua.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARD

Each year State Councils in every jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus recognizes excellence award in each area of the Service Program – Church, Family, Community, Council, Youth and Culture of life – at their State Council Convention. In turn, a panel of judges designated by Supreme Knight reviews each jurisdiction’s entry of winners and chooses the most outstanding activity from the six(6) service programs Order- Wide for the fraternal year.

Winning councils and their programs are recognized at the Supreme Council Convention in the month of August. The Grand Knights and wives who are recipient of these awards are guests of the Supreme Council Board of Directors during the Supreme Convention.

Archbishop Duke Council 6855 was the recipient of the International Award for Culture of life Service Program for their participation and promotion of “49-Hours in 40-DAYS FOR LIFE”. A program held in November 2011 and March 2012 led by Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Program Couple DGK Lorenzo and Julie Ranada and well participated not only by the Knights of Columbus but also a parish wide effort involving church organizations (Catholic Womens League, Legion of Mary, St. Vincent De Paul to name a few) of St. Paul Parish in Richmond, British Columbia.

Being awarded with this prestigious award is truly a tremendous honour for our council and our jurisdiction of BC and Yukon. This trophy, has now a proud place in our council’s accolade cabinet and will serve as a constant reminder of our council’s ongoing serious commitment to the sanctity of human life from the womb to the tomb.

BENEMERENTI AWARD 2012

This award is in recognition of Edward's assistance to the Bishop as a member of the Eparchial Finance Council as well as his service as Finance Officer of the Eparchy. Edward is very active in the Church and never hesitates when called upon by any of the clergy to come to their aid. The award also recognizes his membership in the Knights of Columbus and his representation of the Eparchy at both the local and State level. (A paraphrase from Bishop Ken's nomination letter)



Bishop Ken Nowakowski presenting State Secretary **Edward Shawchuk** with the **BENEMERENTI AWARD**..



His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and Bishop Ken Nowakowski.

100th Foundation Anniversary of Ukrainian Church in Canada September 1, 2012



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Charity Appeal Chairman
Ken Rehman

CHARITY APPEAL 2012- - 2013 **Knights of Columbus(BC) Charity Foundation**

Our Gaming Event licence was slow in arriving but we are now on track to proceed with this year's event. All registered chairmen have been sent an email updating them on the dates of sale. It is very important to all members that no ticket(s) can be sold prior to October 4th 2012.

Council Chairman registrations have been slow but that also is coming together.

Gaming Branch has become very strict on accountability of all books. Every book must be returned whether sold or unsold. Council accountability by way of the ticket control log must be done. It is not a case of not having done it in the past or it being too time consuming. It is not the Charity Appeal Chairman nor the Board of Directors of the Foundation, making these rules. It is a requirement as part of our Gaming Event Licence. If it is not done our licence for the next year will not be approved.

I would not want to be the council chairman or council that was responsible for the jurisdiction being denied a licence for the coming years. These words may seem a bit blunt but there is no other way to say it. The Foundation is under a microscope by Gaming Branch.

I wish every council success in their sales.

Ken Rehman
Charity Appeal Chairman

CHURCH Program

Fr. McGivney Foundation, Clergy, Pennies for Heaven

Council 9844 —District 20
Our Lady of Mercy Council
Burnaby, B.C.
Grand Knight: Raymund Siglos

Installation of Fr. Nicholas Tumbeleka at Our Lady of Mercy Parish August 24, 2012 with District Deputy #20 Peter Siglos.



Council 5246 —District 29
Prince George Council
Prince George, B.C.
Grand Knight: Joseph Haddock



On Sunday August the 12th Council 5246, Prince George council hosted a celebration to commemorate the **160th Anniversary of the birth of our founder, Father James McGivney**. We served cake and refreshments after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses at St. Mary's Church, Prince George. We had a good turn out at both masses and everyone was pleased with the cake Brother Paul Laliberte DD baked for the occasion (I think he had help from a local bakery!)

CHURCH Program

Keep Christ in Christmas, Church Activities

Council 10681—District 23
 Christopher Columbus
 Richmond, B.C.
 Grand Knight: Peter Sobrinho



Christopher Columbus Council celebrates Fr. Michael J. McGivney's 160th Anniversary

On August 12, 2012 135 members of Christopher Columbus council 10681 from St Joseph the Worker parish in Richmond gathered at Deas Island Park, Delta; for a family picnic to celebrate Fr. McGivney's 160th birth anniversary.

The event was marked by games for all ages and a barbeque lunch of salmon, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings and a special cake in honor of Fr. McGivney, which was cut by Parish Priest Rev. Fr. David Poirier.

The day was blessed by good weather and great fellowship amongst all its members and their families. Grand Knight Bro. Peter Sobrinho was all praise for one of the best outdoor council family events put together by Picnic Coordinator Bro. David Joe and his food preparation and games teams.

CHURCH Program

Church Activities, Pennies for Heaven

**Council 9845 —District 9
Saint Charles Garnier Council
Kelowna, B.C.
Grand Knight: Stefan Farrow**



2nd Annual Clergy Appreciation BBQ

It rained, it poured, and there were smiles all around. The 2nd Annual Clergy Appreciation BBQ for the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Kelowna area was a great success despite the less than cooperative weather. With over 200 people in attendance throughout the day on June 9th 2012 to show their support and appreciation for our local priests, and religious sisters the BBQ was an opportunity for members of the 7 local parishes, and 6 Knights of Columbus councils to meet each other, and the priests from other parishes.

For just \$5 a person or \$15 a family everyone was able to enjoy all you can eat Hamburgers and Hot dogs, pop, water, and a last minute addition of Coffee and Tea! Unfortunately, the rain washed out the children's activities this year. Face painting for the children was offered, but the two legged race, and scavenger hunt were unable to proceed. The whole event is designed around a country fair style atmosphere took place at the Historic Father Pandosy Mission site, next door to St. Charles Garnier Parish and the new Diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre. New to the site this year is a bronze statue of Father Pandosy worth over \$100,000. Many of the local Knights of Columbus Councils and Catholic Women's League conferences contributed to the statue and it is a wonderful addition to the site and the Clergy Appreciation BBQ.

At 1PM each clergy member present was presented with a giant hand made card and gift certificate for the local mall. Each card was made by the students of one of the classes at St. Joseph's Elementary School in Kelowna. It was a great site to see as each priest and sister was introduced and a short story or anecdote was told about them.

The next evening at the 7PM youth mass at St. Charles Garnier Parish, Father Gerald told the congregation that card he received from the Kindergarten class was one of the best gifts he has ever received. As a new priest, ordained last fall, he was clearly touched and very appreciative of the event, even though he was only able to attend for a short amount of time as he was next door running a marriage preparation program the same day.

The Knights of Columbus looks forward to hosting the Catholic families of the Kelowna area again next year, and we are already praying for great weather so that we can see closer to the 500 people that were in attendance the first year.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the priests, brothers, and sisters, that have dedicated their lives to Christ, and the people of this diocese.

CHURCH Program

Keep Christ in Christmas, Retreats

Council 1283 —District 20
Westminster Council
 New Westminster, B.C.
 Grand Knight: Rod Giddens



BLESSING OF UNBORN MEMORIAL

Our Chaplain Fr. Martin Moser, OMI blessed Council 1283's memorial to the unborn on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at St. Peter's Church.

The monument, which was our Council's Millenium Projejt, was originally placed on the South side of St. Peter's below the statue.. When the church was expanded

Council 10500—District 5
St. Francis Xavier Council
 Vancouver, B.C.
 Grand Knight: Henry Li



Council 10500 ANNUAL RETREAT at Westminster Abbey in Mission on Sunday August 12th with Father Anthony Ho as our Retreat Master. A total of five Brothers and wives attended this event.

FAMILY Program

Family Activities, Marian Hour of Prayer

**Council 6855 —District 23
Archbishop Duke Council
Richmond, B.C.
Grand Knight: Kevin Mendonca**

7th Annual Family Camping Light House Marine Park Point Roberts, WA, USA

A great time was had by all when the Knights and their families celebrated the 'World Family Week' by participating in the 7th Annual Family Camping held in the weekend of August 24 to 26, 2012 .

Among the Council 6855 Members who were present: 4th Degree Master Antonio Pimentel, Faithful Navigator Stan Leong, State Family Life Director Alberto Nisperos and State Public Relations and Communications Chairman Edgar Ursua.

Also present : GK 6855 Kevin Mendonca , PGK Americo Silva, PGK 6232 Doug Lorenzen, council members and families.



COMMUNITY Program

Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Catholic Health

**Council 5423—District 4
Holy Cross Council
Burnaby, B.C.
Grand Knight: Richard Crompton**

**Raised \$ 21,000.00 for
ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**



Immediate Past Grand Knight Graham Darling presents a donation from Council 5423 to Lorine Chang of the St Paul's Hospital Foundation. This year our Council raised \$21 000 through our Bingo Affiliation program, as well as other monies through the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Sweepstakes, Pancake Breakfasts, and other worthwhile activities.

**Council 12202—District 11
Mother Teresa Council
Coldstream, B.C.
Grand Knight: Bernie Lutes**



Mother Teresa Council 12202 in Coldstream, B.C. have raised funds towards the purchase of twenty(22) wheelchairs. \$150.00 would deliver a Wheelchair to someone in need of Hope, Mobility, Freedom and Independence. Donor Forms can be obtained from Don Wenger or any of the Council Executives.

CULTURE OF LIFE

40-Days for Life, March for Life, Silver Rose Run,

**Council 3842—District 21
Mid Island Council
Nanaimo, B.C.
Grand Knight: Richard Jones**

**Council 9990—District 21
Holy Trinity Council
Nanaimo, B.C.
Grand Knight: Richard Pistone**

We had the honour of participating in Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run prayer service here in Nanaimo, B.C. on July 7, 2012.

The run is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is intended to raise awareness of the sacredness of human life and be an occasion of prayer for the end of abortions in North America.

Both local councils, our council and Holy Trinity #9990, as well as Captain Alejandro Malaspina Assembly # 34 participated in the event. It was held in St. Peter's church and was followed by Mass celebrated by our pastor Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS, who in his remarks, spoke very eloquently about the history and significance of the Silver Rose Run. In excess of 60 people and over 20 Knights attended.

We were honoured to have had our Worthy District Deputy Brother Aurel Muego carry the Rose, accompanied by an Honour Guard Sir Knights Rene Marchand of Council # 3842 and Al Schickerowsky of Council # 9990.



District Deputy #21 Aurel Muego holding the Rose during the Silver Rose Run in Nanaimo, British Columbia.



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The major motion picture [For Greater Glory](#), which features the story of one of the Knights of Columbus priest martyrs and the Order's work to peacefully end the conflict, is now available for rental/purchase in [DVD](#) and [Blu-ray](#) formats. The disk's extras include the Knights of Columbus produced documentary *For Greater Glory: The True Story of the Cristeros*.

1926: Crackdown on religious practices

President Calles felt the Catholic Church was too powerful in Mexican society and passed the "Law for Reforming the Penal Code," aka "Calles' Law". Church properties were seized, clergy exiled and convents and religious schools closed.



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Shopping that all men should do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with your Field Agent, a brother Knight.

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