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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Spring is here and with that convention cannot be far off - only a few short weeks as a matter of fact. Our Worthy State Secretary mailed out the 1st Convention call in early January and the 2nd Convention call will be in the post within a matter of days. Just a reminder to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries that there are time-sensitive reports that must be filed with the State Secretary and I would urge you that if not ready done, these reports should be submitted as soon as possible.

Brother Kevin Pinto and his committee have been working extra hard to ensure that this year's convention will be one of the best ever and seeing to it that every attendees expectations are met. One major change that delegates should note is that the men's luncheon is no longer included in the package. In an effort to hold or reduce costs and to answer some criticisms an executive decision was made to drop this \$40.00 item from the convention package and allow our delegates to enjoy a nearby eatery of their choice. There are several restaurants and other dining establishments within a block of the convention venue with lunch costs in the \$20-\$25 bracket. Addition time has been allowed in the schedule to accommodate travel time.

During the past few months we have had a number of 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications. I am pleased to see the interest shown in a number of Districts that are developing new 2nd Degree teams. These teams are truly needed as the two existing teams having been carrying the total load for far too long. I congratulate the North Okanagan team from District #11 which was recently certified. In addition there are new teams underway in Districts 1, 2 and 23. Hopefully all will be certified by the end of this Fraternal Year. There is also an urgent need for new 3rd Degree personnel, in particular Presenters of the Fraternal Charge and Wardens.

I thank all who have been actively involved in membership growth. As of today we are about 1% higher than we were at convention last year; and while the number are encouraging there remains a lot of work to do if we want to be in the Circle of Honour on June 30th. It was most encouraging to see about half the class of 38 at a recent Major Degree exemplification who were under the age of 40 and about half that number in their 20s. Although all eligible catholic men must be given the opportunity and invitation to join us, these younger men ensure our survival as relevant force within our Church and our communities.

To those Councils and Districts I have had the opportunity to visit in the past few months I once again thank you for your warm hospitality. Special thanks to Brother Doug and Edna Lorenzen, Grand Knight Arthur Mills and all the Brothers of Bishop Courdet Council #6232 in Whitehorse who brought out everything but the Northern Lights to make Val and my visit so memorable. Thanks to the council for paying my bond to be released from the "Keystone Kops" and their port-a-jail. All in good fun and support of worthy community causes!

I look forwarding to seeing as many of you as possible at the Convention.

In closing I ask all for their prayers for Val's return to good health.

Vivat Jesus
Viva Cristo Rey
Fraternally
-Wil

**VERY
IMPORTANT
PROPOSERS**

Club Members



Double V.I.P. Rewards (Between January 1 and June 30, 2013)

Very Important Proposer (V.I.P.) Club members will receive double rewards points for each new member they recruit. Members will receive 1,000 V.I.P. rewards points - twice the usual amount - for each new member recruited during this six-month period.

Section 5 of the Membership Document (#100) must be completed and received by June 30, 2013 to qualify and receive points.

Become a Very Important Proposer and receive double rewards now!

Have you recruited...

ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH ?



**Supreme Membership and
Program Consultant
Bro. Dan O'Hara**
at District 23 Membership
Training Seminar.

State Convention and Conference Chairman KEVIN PINTO



STATE CONVENTION 2013



Richmond will once again be host for the 102nd Knights of Columbus State Convention, starting Thursday, April 25, 2013 to Sunday, April 28, 2013, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel.

Planning and preparations are underway to make this convention a memorable experience for participants, delegates and guests. With a team of about 15 members headed by the convention chairman Kevin Pinto, each of the committee members will contribute time and talent together with dedication and enthusiasm to ensure success, once again.

The State Convention is an annual event that brings together more than 250 Knights including spouses from all over BC and Yukon to participate in business as well as recreational and social activities beginning with Holy Mass which is the focal point of each day. The Adoration Chapel will be conveniently located where participants could spend quiet prayerful time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

A special highlight of the convention is the Awards Ceremony of the year, when councils and individual Knights are acknowledged for outstanding service and accomplishments during the preceding year. This is preceded by a dinner banquet and honor guard that lends dignity to the event.

The theme of this year's convention is 'DOOR OF FAITH' in keeping with the 'YEAR OF FAITH' which commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Pope Benedict's declaration of the Year of Faith, provides a precious opportunity to revisit the teaching of the Vatican Council and explore the gift of faith once more.

This year delegates and participants will also be presented with an informative full color Souvenir Magazine of the Convention. It will highlight lead messages from various important personalities within the Knighthood and the Archdiocese of BC and Yukon. It would also serve as a promotional tool and opportunity for both local and provincial businesses. More importantly it would be an effective medium in telling the story of the Knights dedication, service and charitable work in the community locally as well as internationally. There is a special appeal from the Convention Chairman to all Councils to solicit advertisements of their councils and help in procuring local business advertisements, as well. Advertising rates etc. are available with Souvenir Magazine Editor, Bro. Happy Tay (happy_tay@yahoo.ca)

The 102nd State Convention is earmarked to be a fruitful experience for all participating delegates of the various councils of British Columbia and Yukon.

Peter and Anna Sobrinho (Publicity and Advertising, Chairpersons, 102nd State Convention)

State Communications Chairman
EDGAR C. URSUA



STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Let your Council achieve the Outstanding Newsletter of the Year !!!

The State Council Newsletter which is published quarterly to the Knights of Columbus British Columbia and Yukon is one great tool in making known the inspiring achievements happening in the 29 Districts of its jurisdiction. It serves as a compilation of the various Councils involvement in its six (6) Service Programs.

Much as the year 2012-2013 has shown a growth in the submission of newsletters and articles, I would be pleased to see the remaining 11 districts to booster the small and big things the Knights members do in their very own district/council.

I encourage the Grand Knights to initiate a Monthly Council Newsletter --- a great way to communicate and disseminate information to council members (active and inactive). It provides the members the awareness of the past and planned activities and functions of our Order (council, state and supreme level), which serves to bond all of us together into one fraternal family.

The newsletter should also be used in recognizing individual members that help in providing support in the execution of a project or activity program. In the push for a more effective newsletter, photographs in action with captions, illustrating prominently the activity or a particular program, is urged.

Publication of the monthly council newsletter builds interest in the organization and is of great assistance in obtaining membership involvement. Imparting adequate information to council members very well helps in Membership Retention.

I take this opportunity in thanking the councils who with the submission of interesting news articles have helped in the pull off the best for our own State Council Newsletter, making it an interesting reading material each quarter, and keeping each of us members of the Knights well informed in the various activities of our service programs.

Vivat Jesus !

Edgar C. Ursua

State Communications Chairman / Newsletter Editor
BC & Yukon State Council

State Bursary Chairman
ARCIE J. LIM



BISHOP THOMAS J. LOBSINGER MEMORIAL
STATE BURSARY PROGRAM 2013



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pportunities (30 Bursaries at \$500.00 each)

Beginning this month, we started accepting applications for the 2013 Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger Memorial Bursary Program. I encourage you to please promote this wonderful program by making announcements in your Council and Parish bulletins or through any other means you feel appropriate.

This bursary program is available to all Roman Catholic students residing in the province of British Columbia who are enrolling in their second or subsequent year of post secondary education at any legally recognized institute of higher learning in BC. This year, we have a total amount of \$15,000.00 (30 bursaries of \$500 each) available to successful applicants. For the complete guidelines, please refer to the Terms of Reference posted in our website; kofcbc.org

Your help in promoting this program will certainly enhance our aim of attracting applicants throughout the jurisdiction. Thank you for your support in helping our young people. I am confident that your positive response and action will bring the desired results we are hoping for.

God bless!

Arcie J. Lim, State Treasurer
State Bursary Chairman
BC & Yukon State Council

**State Retention Director
MICHAEL GERNAT****STATE THREE R's**
Recruit, Retain, Reactivate**Welcome Them Back**

As your State Retention Chair, I regularly keep tabs on all our Councils to determine what type of year they are having in the membership category. Any of you who have heard me address Retention will know that I firmly believe in the Three R's....RECRUIT, RETAIN, REACTIVATE!!!

Recruitment is self explanatory and every member of our jurisdiction knows that the good health of our Order depends on the blood of new membership. One is all it takes, one new member per month of our Fraternal year will ensure the health of your Council. The **Power of One** is representative of success in our recruitment efforts and puts you well on your way to Star Council.

We are called to invite every catholic gentleman to become a member of our Family. And by keeping our "families" involved we will **Retain** our membership. We need to remember to invite our membership to come together for a multitude of activities. Keeping the family involved will bring about new friendships, help us to grow, help to keep our young people involved in their community and their faith; keeping the family involved will create opportunities for our membership to invite other families to come and join us.

Earlier this year, we all heard and saw the commercials, inviting "back" members of our Catholic faith who had fallen away. Those commercials were a reminder of how special our faith can be and what we have to offer. As I sat there watching, I was struck by the very fact that that was exactly what my job entailed as your Retention Chair. Not only do we need to encourage Brothers who haven't been active in recent months to stay with us, we need to put out our hand and WELCOME BACK our Brothers who have left our order. We need to **RE-ACTIVATE**, those Brothers who were once members but whom have fallen away.! There are many reasons that a member may have left, the reason is not our quest. They may be embarrassed, they may be sad, they may even be angry, but circumstances change everyday and the smile and extended handshake of a Brother may be all that is needed.

March is membership blitz month. We will also celebrate the legacy left to us by our Founder, Michael J. McGivney. He believed in what a group of Catholic men could do when they came together and I know so do you! Brothers, as you prepare for your membership blitz, I ask that you determine if you have members of your parish community that were once on your active list. Offer them the opportunity to once again be a part of our Family and say WELCOME BACK!!

Recruit * Retain * Reactivate

Michael Gernat, State Warden
State Retention Director

State Charity Appeal Chairman KEN REHMAN



State Deputy Wil Wilmot at the BC Charity Appeal Main Draw held at Langford, B.C. last February 2, 2013.

BC CHARITY APPEAL

2012– 2013



Westminster Council 1283 sold winning ticket for **FIRST PRIZE \$ 50,000.00** to Rana Bhatia of Surrey, B.C.

For the third time in 5 years Westminster Council 1283 sold a Main Draw prize; this year for the top prize of \$50,000. PGK Gary Parolin and DGK Gerry Spindor present cheque for \$50,000 to Rana Bhatia.

Prize	Name	City	Ticket #	Selling Council
\$50,000.00 cash	Rana Bhatia	Surrey	123934	1283
2013 Chev. Silverado 1500 4X4 Ext Cab	Ray & Joan Biddlecombe	Half Moon Bay	355732	9246
2013 Ford Mustang Convertible	Denise Loewen	Kamloops	460413	9697
2013 Dodge Journey	Eileen LeFebvre	Prince George	208127	5246

	PRIZE	Name	Ticket #	City	Selling Council
12 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Rosealene Adanic	201191	Terrace	5149
11 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Vijay Lingam	129198	Surrey	2552
10 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Gord Reichelt	451686	Victoria	15445
9 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Matilda McCreath	161620	Tofino	3842
8 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Jai Heung (Peter) Yoo	452822	Victoria	15445
7 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Dan Fischer	160328	Nanaimo	3842
6 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Robin Hunt	431895	Victoria	13556
5 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Steve London	445740	Port Moody	14225
4 th Prize	\$1,000.00	Grigor Dimov	131421	Kelowna	2558
3 rd Prize	\$1,500.00	Bill Marshall	315541	Vernon	8520
2 nd Prize	\$2,000.00	Ardeshiv Soltani	179443	Burnaby	4615
1 st Prize	\$5,000.00	Sherry Errett	278731	Canoe	7107

State Family Life Director
ALBERTO NISPEROS

STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

STATE FAMILY PROGRAM



Dear Worthy Grand Knights,

As you are all aware, the State Convention is just around the corner. It is at our annual event that the prestigious **State Family of the Year Award** will be presented.

Please submit the name of your candidate as soon as possible. **The deadline for entry is April 1, 2013.** This is the time that a special family from your council or parish will be honored for their contribution and dedication of service. They may also have a chance to be further nominated for the Supreme Family of the Year Award. Please visit the State Website at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/kofc>. Once there, click on the "Forms & Reports" link, and scroll down to the section entitled "Supreme/State Service Programs." There, you will find a .pdf file of "**Family of the Year Nomination Form.**" Click on the link to the file, and please fill it out. Once completed, you can fax or e-mail it to me. I look forward to receiving the nominations from all councils.

Appreciation is indebted to all councils who joined in our Marian Hour of Prayer in the veneration of the icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Prayer services were presided by a priest and, in some cases, a Brother Knight. As of February 20th, 51 councils have participated with 4695 adorers in attendance. Special mention must be given to St. Joseph Council 9846 where, under the leadership of Worthy Grand Knight Richard Aloysius of Port Moody, there were 25 hours of veneration, with a total of 1448 attendees.

Fraternally,

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**State Council Director
JOHN SOKOLOWSKI**



STATE COUNCIL PROGRAMS

We have made tremendous progress with all the initiatives undertaken by Councils within State in the 'Council' responsibilities bucket. While there has been outstanding work completed, there is room for us to improve, both in additional initiatives and in reporting. Worthy Brothers, I am here to support you and your specific priorities in this area.

Let me quickly review the status of our State Council objectives.

Fraternalism: Councils and Districts across State are doing an excellent job at holding events and activities that allow our Brothers, our Parishes, and our Communities to share in the spirit of fraternity. Some Councils communicate their activities on websites and in news bulletins. The ones I have seen are excellent, and I would encourage those Councils who do not have these alternatives to consider implementing these type of communication approaches within your jurisdictions.

Eyeglass Collection: I know many of you participate in this initiative. We are doing good work in helping those in third world countries use these older glasses in improving their quality of life. Please send me your report of participation, the form is on our State website. You can either send your used glasses to: Burnaby Loughheed Lions Club, 7420 Mulberry Place, Burnaby, BC, V3N 4X3 OR, you can take them into your local Optometrist that participates in this program.

Knight of the Month and Year: These two awards are prestigious and significant. The submissions I receive, quite frankly, are too few for all the work we do for our Order. Please take the time to fill in the one page nomination and send it to me electronically. We are quickly approaching Convention where we will recognize our Knight of the Year, please submit your nomination to me by the end of March. I am delighted to report the following Knight of Month awards:

JULY	Brother Constancio Mendoza	Archbishop Duke	6855
AUGUST	Brother Dennis Adachi	HolyTrinity	9990
SEPTEMBER	Brother Godfrey D'Souza	Archbishop Duke	6855
OCTOBER	Brother Daniel Danyluk	St. James	4949
NOVEMBER	Brother Justin Guimond	St. Mark's College	13101
DECEMBER	Brother Armand Giroday	Corpus Christi	8535
JANUARY	Brother Rene Le Devehat	Langford	8394
FEBRUARY	Brother Pat Bentley	Fr. Pandosy	2558

Special Olympics: Many Councils and Brothers are involved in supporting this very special group of individuals with intellectual disabilities. The focus here is to empower people beyond sport and to impact the quality of life of individuals. I am delighted to report that we are in the final stages to be able to announce our State Tootsie Roll campaign where the Knights will raise money to provide financial assistance to Special Olympics BC. I know many Districts and Brothers are involved with these special people, I would ask that you take a few minutes to complete the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics that reports the extent of our contribution. This report can be found on our Supreme website.

Blood Donations: Brothers let's continue our excellent participation in this critical area

Public Relations: While Councils have improved their communication and focus in the Council area, we need to continue to report the excellent work being done by your respective councils. We also need to recognize our role models at a State level.

Let me thank all Councils and Brothers for their excellent work. Let me also encourage all to continue their charitable work, be visible in our parishes and communities to enrich our Order!

John Sokolowski
State Council Director
BC & Yukon State Council

**State Culture of Life Directors
DALE & DEBBIE MCGREGOR**



CULTURE OF LIFE PROGRAMS

It has certainly been an eventful two and a half months since our last newsletter message. Deborah, my wife, and I attended the Mid Year meeting in Richmond at the beginning of December, 2012. It was a good meeting and as noted previously, we found out that the title for our program had changed. Instead of Pro-Life, it is now the Culture of Life Program, which is actually more fitting as the phrase was made popular by Pope John Paul II who first used this term in a World Youth Day tour in the USA in 1993 and then in his encyclical "*Evangelium Vitae*" (Gospel of Life) in April, 1995. This document is excellent by the way and well worth reading.

The Culture of Life State Web Site has been up and running now for a couple of months and it is full of information for the Districts and Councils. It can be found in a section called "State Service Programs" or at the following link <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/kofc/Prolifesplash3.htm>. We recommend that Councils review this page routinely for strategic culture of life initiatives that need to be planned at the Council level by the Grand Knights and their Culture of Life Program Directors. There are many interesting features to this web page. For example, in the Letters and Articles section there is a message from the most reverend Bishop Richard Gagnon of Victoria on the Culture of Life and there will be other guest commentators in the future from the BC clergy and academics. Be sure to check out the information in this web page for guidance and inspiration.

There are a couple of initiatives that need to be emphasized. The first is that the new motion – Motion 408 – has been tabled in the House of Commons and it is still something that needs your attention and support at the local level. Conservative MP Mark Warawa of Langley BC, introduced motion 408 to the House of Commons to support M-408 and condemn discrimination against females occurring through sex-selective pregnancy termination. Millions of girls have been lost through sex selective pregnancy termination, creating a global gender imbalance, causing girls to be trafficked into prostitution. Mr. Warawa has requested that Parliament condemn this worst form of discrimination against females.

This will be a vote in parliament in mid May 2013 on Motion 408. There is a petition on line at his web site for Knights to download to present to their parishes in support of MP Warawa's motion. <http://www.markwarawa.com/> Information has been provided to the District Deputies again as we did for the Motion 312 strategy to pass on to the Grand Knights and Council Pro-Life Directors to start a campaign in parishes to garner support from the local MP's in the parishes' ridings to support Mr. Warawa's motion. Please refer to this information to start your plans to assist on Motion 408 at the Council level.

A second initiative that needs mentioning is the annual March for Life. Plans are well underway for the annual March for Life event in Victoria, BC scheduled to take place on May 9, 2013. There are many things that councils in the Victoria area and the lower mainland area in particular can

do to support the event. Councils throughout the jurisdiction are also invited to support the event. One thing you can do is plan to attend the event and March for Life. Another is to look at assisting your local parishes on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland area to attend the event by assisting with resources for buses, passage to Victoria by ferry if need be and other logistical support. Many high school students from Catholic High Schools are planning to attend and again, support can be offered to those schools in terms of transportation for buses and ferries. This is an excellent opportunity for the Knights to step forward and do what Knights do best! For more information, refer to the following web site: <http://www.m4lvictoria.ca/> I plan to be there and hope to see many of you there as well.

We would like to thank all the Councils that ran the 5th Annual 2013 Culture of Life Baby Shower. The purpose is to organize a clothing and supply drive to benefit pro-life organizations that help mothers to be and fathers who might otherwise choose abortion, and the unborn that might otherwise be denied the right to life. In particular, Council 3842 and Council 5304 deserves mention. Grand Knight Rick Jones of Council 3842, Castlegar reported the following;

Our council hosted its **5th Annual Baby Shower** during January 2013. The program aims to collect donations of various baby supplies and clothes which are then offered to local Birthright or Pregnancy Crisis centres for distribution. Bro. **Claude Francoeur's** daughter, **Lynn**, loaned us a baby crib which was set up in St. Peter's Church foyer and used to hold the donations. Parishioners responded with overwhelming generosity! Many new, as well as several bags of gently used items were donated, at a total value of approximately **\$1,454**. We extend our very sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed so generously; to **Lynn Norton** for the baby crib; and, especially to Bros. **Zeno Jeon** and **Rick Jones** for organizing and managing the project so well. All items were presented to the **Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre**, which, as you can imagine, was extremely grateful!

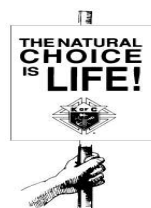
Council 5304 also ran a Baby Shower produced an inventory of items that were collected for donation. Acting Grand Knight Maurice Nowoselski and Baby Shower Program Chairman Peter Rowsell reported that 18 categories of items were collected for a total value of \$1,813. For example, there were 21 dozen diapers, 4 soft baby toys, 38 sleepers and 14 receiving blankets and 14 other categories of items. Well Done Councils 3482 and 5304!

Listing of Council Pro-Life Directors

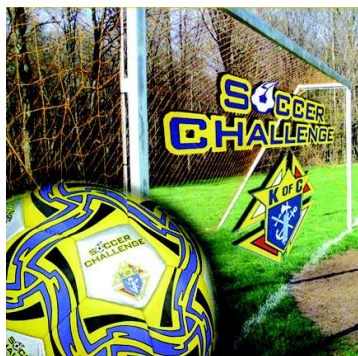
In our last newsletter, we mentioned that would like to develop a list of the Culture of Life Directors in the Councils and obtain their e-mail address for communication purposes. We had asked that all Councils please submit the names and e-mail addresses of their Culture of Life Program Directors to us at our e-mail address so we can develop a mailing list to disseminate information to the Councils' Pro Life Directors quickly for consideration by the Council. The response has been rather sparse so once again we ask that you consider this request and hope to hear from some or all of the Council Culture of Life Directors.

On behalf of our family, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Easter. God Bless,

Dale and Debbie McGregor
Culture of Life Directors
Knights of Columbus
BC and Yukon State



State Youth Director JIM WILLIAMS



SOCCER CHALLENGE / HOCKEY BLAST

This past fall, Councils across our State hosted the local K of C Soccer Challenge competition. This program is a great opportunity for our Order and our various Councils to become better known for their works across BC and Yukon. Congratulations go out to this year's State winners:

SOCCER CHALLENGE 2012 - STATE WINNERS

CATEGORY	NAME	COUNCIL	DISTRICT	SCORE
10 yrs. Boys	Eric Luchies	7934	1	190
10 yrs. Girls	Chloe Riis	9703	1	185
11 yrs. Boys	Marcus Saldanha	8535	3	210
11 yrs. Girls	Isabella Komoroci	7934	1	145
12 yrs. Boys	Liam Lightbody	9703	1	210
12 yrs. Girls	Lauren Fanelli	9703	1	220
13 yrs. Boys	Ben Perdigao	9703	1	200
13 yrs. Girls	Emma Dennis	9703	1	210
14 yrs. Boys	NONE ENTERED			
14 yrs. Girls	Rebecca Battilana	9703	1	185

According to scores sheets and participation reports submitted, only a small handful of Councils offered this popular program in their areas. And yet, even in regions challenged by early winter weather, this competition is easily adapted to being done in a school gymnasium. Please consider offering the Soccer Challenge in your Council region this fall! Kits can be ordered on the Supreme website, but for more information, please contact our State Youth Director, Brother Jim Williams.

Congratulations to all the youth who participated, and many thanks to those Brother Knights who volunteered to make the Council and District events such successes!

Jim Williams
State Youth Director
BC & Yukon State Council
Knights of Columbus

State Youth Director
JIM WILLIAMS

SOCCER CHALLENGE / HOCKEY BLAST



Hockey Blast		KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Supreme Office 1 COLUMBUS PLAZA NEW HAVEN CT 06510-3326	
Competition Kit Order Form		Hockey Blast Kit Order Form	
All materials needed for conducting a council-level Knights of Columbus Hockey Blast are included in the Hockey Blast Kit available from the Supreme Council office. Councils should order their kit by early December to have the proper materials on hand for the competition.		_____ Number of Kits in English _____ Number of Kits in French	
Complete the label to the right and submit it to the Department of Fraternal Services by early December. Please type or print all required information since this will also be used as your shipping label. (Street address only, No P.O. Boxes.) To avoid duplicate orders, please be sure that only one person in your council is responsible for ordering the Hockey Blast Kit. Each Hockey Blast Kit contains the following items:		Name _____ Title _____ Membership No. _____ Council No. _____ Street _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____	
1	#4972 Hockey Blast Participation Report Form	PR	() Sp. D.
5	#4982 Hockey Blast Poster		() Air M.
75	#4974 Hockey Blast Entry Form/Score Sheets		() PS. () Int. C.
10	#4981 Council Champion Certificates		
1	#4979 Hockey Blast Program Guide		
HB-KIT 10/11		Picked by	Packed by
		Date Shipped	How Shipped
		No. Pkg.	Weight

STATE LADIES sampling the Knights of Columbus **HOCKEY BLAST !**



State Secretary's wife
Mrs. Sandra Shawchuk



State Warden's wife
Mrs. Deb Gernat



State Advocate's wife
Mrs. Nancy Horsfield



State Communications Chairman's wife
Mrs. Priscilla Ursua

Major Degree Exemplification at Whitehorse, YT



State Deputy Wil Wilmot with John Robbins and members of Major Degree Team



**State Delegates and Major Degree Team
IPSD Michael Yeo, PSD MPC Dan O'Hara
and Ed Gaines**



Degree Team Mark Pan & IPGK Doug Lorenzen

Bishop Courdet Council 6232

of District 23 hosted a Major Degree Exemplification last February 25, 2013 with three (3) candidates stepping up to the 3rd Degree Level.

Held at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, the major degree team was led by State Deputy Wil Wilmot with IPSD Michael Yeo, PSD Dan O'Hara, PGK/FN Mark Pan, etc.

District Deputy #23 who was in attendance during the ceremony, was joined by Grand Knight 6232 Arthur Mills and IP Grand Knight Doug Lorenzen.



**District Deputy #23 Ed Panes with
Grand Knight 6232 Arthur Mills and
Brother Rudy.**

CHURCH Program

Vocation, Pennies for Heaven, Church Activities

Council 12861—District 23
St. Monica Council
Richmond, B.C.
Grand Knight: Vicente Festejo

**VOCATION
PROGRAM**



St. Monica Council 12861 in Richmond, B.C. under the guidance of Vocations Program Director PGK Ben Santos, has sponsored Fourteen (14) boys from the CCD Class to attend the Live-In Seminar held at the Westminster Abbey from February 15 to 17, 2013.



St. Monica Council 12861 won the Championship Trophy at the First Annual Inter-Parish "ALTAR SERVERS" Basketball Tournament which was hosted by District 23 Archbishop Duke Council 6855.

Photo above shows Participants of the St. Monica Team with Fr. Boniface and Grand Knight 12861 Vicente Festejo.

FAMILY Program

Marian Hour of Prayer, Family of the Month,

Council 4597—District 2
Dr. Briggs Council
 Courtenay, B.C.
 Grand Knight: Theodore Fortosky

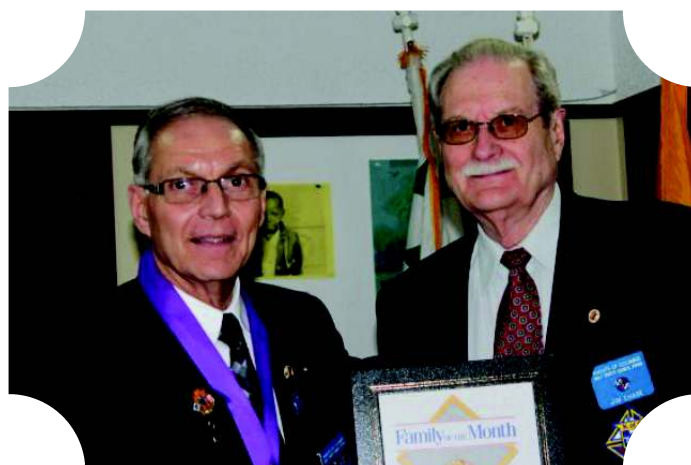


Dr. Briggs Council 4597 Knights of Columbus and families in **Marian Hour of Prayer** in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, held at Christ The King Church, February 8th at 7:00pm



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

Grand Knight Richard Pistone of **Holy Trinity Council 9990**, Nanaimo, B.C. recognizes with an award Brother Knight Jim and Dorothy Chase as **Family of the Month for January 2012**.



COUNCIL Program

Council Activities , Fraternalism, Athletics,

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

Council 6855 did it again....!!!

The first-ever Inter-Parish “ALTAR SERVERS” Basketball Tournament was launched by Archbishop Duke Council 6855 last January 5, 2013 at St. Paul Parish Center, Richmond, B.C.

Spearheaded by brainchild Sports Director 6855 Manny Tolentino and GK 6855 Kevin Mendonca, the basketball tournament was participated by Altar Servers in Richmond Catholic Churches Boys and Girls ages 16 years and under.

(St. Monica Council 12861, St. Joseph The Workers Council 10681, St. Paul Parish Council 6855).

With the success of the Championship Games last February 23, 2013, it was concluded that it will become an Annual Event hosted by Archbishop Duke Council 6855.

Championship Trophy was awarded to St. Monica Council 12861 by District Deputy #23 Ed Panes assisted by GK 6855 Kevin Mendonca. Recognition goes to DD Ed Panes who donated all the awarding trophies to each winner.



L-R: GK 6855 Kevin Mendonca, Sports Director 6855 Manny Tolentino and District Deputy #23 Ed Panes



Committee on Inter-Parish Altar Servers Basketball



COUNCIL Program

Athletics, Fraternalism, Eyeglass Collection, State Golf

Council 9846—District 28
Saint Joseph Council
Port Moody, B.C.
Grand Knight: Richard Aloysius

MAJOR DEGREE Exemplification



St. Joseph Council 9846

Grand Knight Richard Aloysius and Degree Team Warden PGK Mark Pan joins Two(2) newly exemplified Major Degree Members Brothers Justin Loewen and Edmund Toi at the Major Degree Ceremony last February 2, 2013.

Council 13072—District 4
Saint Mary's Council
Vancouver, B.C.
Grand Knight: Gabriel Sta. Maria



First Degree Exemplification—Five for February 2013

Degree Team of St. Mary's Council 13072 in Vancouver, B.C. exemplified Five Catholic Gentlemen from the parish in a ceremony held last February 16, 2013. Also present was Field Agent Bro. Jose P. Cabalu.

COUNCIL Program

Athletics, Fraternalism, Eyeglass Collection, State Golf

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

Canadian Wheelchair Fundraiser grosses \$ 11,800.00 . . . Hosted by Council 10681 in Richmond, BC.

The Valentine Dinner/Dance 2013 was one of the major events planned as part of the Service Programs for the year. It was held at St. Joseph The Worker Center on February 16, 2013. The proceeds of this event go to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, which has delivered Independence, Mobility, Freedom and Hope to tens of thousands of people around the world.

The event was a great success with a romantic ambiance and lighting, live music, a delicious buffet dinner and live entertainment featuring the Fraser River Fiddlers, King Fish Limbo and La Chaleur Dance Group. They kept everybody spell bound for more than an hour. A crowd of 325 people from all parts of Greater Vancouver, dressed in their best Valentine Day attire, then danced to the music of the Big Beats Band, till past midnight.

Grand Knight Peter Sobrinho and Event Chairman Clifford Faleiro of Council 10681 were all praise for the sponsors/advertisers of the souvenir brochure, as well as the donors of special prizes that included, box seat Canucks and White Caps Tickets, a sea-side resort stay for two and dinner for two, besides loads of other sponsored prizes and surprises. The event grossed a total revenue of \$11,800 with a clear net profit of over \$6,300. The organizing committee would like to see everybody again for the next year's event.



In attendance were District Deputy 23 Ed and Beth Panes, State Communications Chairman Edgar and Priscilla Ursua, State Family Life Director Alberto and Alma Nisperos, Grand Knights and wives of District 23 as follows: GK 12861 Vic and Clarissa Festejo, GK 11916 Michael and Betty Wong and host GK 10681 Peter and Anna Sobrinho & Event Chair Clifford and Deena Faleiro.



COMMUNITY Program

Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Catholic Health

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



COATS FOR KIDS Program

recognizes

Prince George Council 5246
 distribution of 144 Coats to Quinson,
 St. Mary's, Harwin, Sacred Heart and
 Ron Brent Schools.



Beneficiary of BC Charity Appeal

The funds we donated to you come from our "Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation" which is our way of raising funds on a Provincial basis. Based on the number of tickets we sell locally we get the prorated portion of the profits back to donate to our local charities.

This year your "Spirit of the North Health Care Foundation" has been chosen to receive \$1,000 with funds to be directed to the "Diabetes Centre" operating at the University Hospital of Northern BC.

COMMUNITY Program

Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Catholic Health

Council 4680 - District 17
Dawson Creek Council
 Dawson Creek, B.C.
 Grand Knight: Leslie Dellow

The very first B.C. Family Day Weekend last February 10th had seen the Knights of **Dawson Creek Council 4680** hosting a Pancake Breakfast for their parish.

A great support from the council members to efficiently handle the set-up, cooking and take-down duties was witnessed.

District Deputy #17 Mel Hoffart is shown in the photo.



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

Doll House Fundraiser raised \$ 1,341.75

Mother Teresa Council 12202

has raised \$1341.75 in a Doll House Fundraiser, proceeds of which will be donated to local charitable organizations.

Winner of the 2012 Doll House Raffle was Sasha Trickey pictured right with Bert Niehaus and doll house builder, Joe Ackerman.



COMMUNITY Program

Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Catholic Health

**Council 6232—District 23
Bishop Courdet Council
Whitehorse, YT
Grand Knight: Arthur Mills**

State Deputy Wil Wilmot at WHITEHORSE, YT Pancake Breakfast

by: PSD Dan O'Hara

Since the Yukon gold rush days of 1898, the people of the Yukon, like those in Alaska, have become a breed of their own. In the early days when the main staple for any meal was flour and there were very few ways to preserve food, the "sourdough" developed as not only a term for using old dough that produced a sour taste, but also to denote anyone living in the Yukon for all four seasons became referred to as a "Sourdough". In 1964, the City of Whitehorse began celebrating their Klondike gold rush history through an annual winter event known as the Sourdough Rendezvous (pronounced ronday voo), or a get-together, a meeting of Yukoners to celebrate the winter and the fact the days are getting longer.

Events are unique and fun filled featuring such activities as Can-Can dancing with snow shoes, hairy legs competitions for both men and ladies, beard growing, the "freezing hair" contest, snow carving, chainsaw tossing and a kobasa eating competition, just to name a few. Of course no Yukon event would be complete without the more traditional events of dog sled races, axe throwing competitions, strong man events and barn dances.

The Knights of Columbus from Bishop Courdet Council 6232 take a very active role by providing the community with a Sourdough Pancake breakfast both Saturday and Sunday, followed each mid-day with a soup kitchen service for the needy. Pancakes, sausage and ham are provided using a very guarded and secret sourdough recipe enjoyed by all who participated. Despite line-ups that stretched out onto the frozen winter street, those who were leaving encouraged the line by assuring them that "...the wait is worth it". For those who can afford it, a nominal charge is levied while for those in need, the meal is provided at no cost.

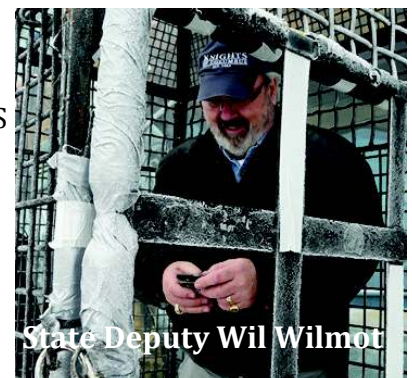


Between February 23 -24, 2013, Brother Knights fed nearly 1400 people and in the process, grossed over \$9200.00 in support of the Whitehorse Food Bank and Sacred Heart Cathedral soup kitchen. Several community suppliers provided the council in excess of \$600.00 to help defray the cost of pancake supplies and even members of the Territorial government came out to help serve.

State Deputy Wil Wilmot came out to help but was arrested by the Key Stone KOPS

and confined until the BC and Yukon State Council agreed to pay his bail. He was last seen calling his State Board from his frozen "cell on wheels".

Next year the Council looks forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Sourdough Rendezvous and the 45th anniversary of Council 6232's participation with even bigger and better results, but the same tasty sourdough pancakes! <http://www.yukonrendezvous.com/>



State Deputy Wil Wilmot

YOUTH Program

Free Throw, Columbian Squires, Parish Youth Activities

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

Regional Free Throw

by: DD#5 Ming Lau

Regional Free Throw Championship was held at St. Francis Xavier gymnasium at 1:00pm last Sunday.

St. Francis Xavier Council 10500 under District 5 sponsored the event including venue, snack and beverage. Archbishop Duke Council in Richmond under District 23 helped to register and organize the Free Throw.

General Agent, Brother Richard Lee Wah, sponsored the trophies for the winners. The Chaplain of St. Francis Xavier Council 10500, Father Dominic Qin, gave everyone a blessing before starting the championship. Besides myself, District Deputy #3 (Brother Ariel Estrada), #23 (Brother Ed Panes), Former District Deputy (Brother Chris Fong), Grand Knights and Council Youth Directors were there to support this event as well. All the knights, DDs and FDD were helping in scoring and judging at six baskets.

There were 58 kids participated in this Regional championship.

They are from one of Districts - 3, 4, 5, 7, 18, 23, 25, 27. A group picture was taken before starting the exciting competition of 10 age gender/age groups. After an hour, the winners were determined. Some of the age groups had very tight score.

There was snack time before we presented the trophies to the winners.

Every children had fun time enjoying this efficient, well-organized, sport activity.

Thanks to all the sponsors and knights contributing their effort and time in order to have a successful event.

Good luck to all winners to the next level of Championship!



CULTURE OF LIFE

Baby Shower, 40-Days for Life, March for Life, Silver

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

Mid Island Council 3842 in Nanaimo, B.C. hosted its **5th Annual Baby Shower** during January 2013. The program aims to collect donations of various baby supplies and clothes which are then offered to local Birthright or Pregnancy Crisis centres for distribution.



Bro. **Claude Francoeur's** daughter, **Lynn**, loaned us a baby crib which was set up in St. Peter's Church foyer and used to hold the donations. Parishioners responded with overwhelming generosity! Many new, as well as several bags of gently used items were donated, at a total value of approximately **\$1,454**.

We extend our very sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed so generously; to **Lynn Norton** for the baby crib; and, especially to Bros. **Zeno Jeon** and **Rick Jones** for organizing and managing the project so well. All items were presented to the **Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre**, which, as you can imag-

Council 7276—District 22
Cloverdale Council
Surrey, B.C.
Grand Knight: Trevor Harms

Cloverdale Council 7276 came out in support of the Surrey-Delta Pro-Life Society's Annual Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 16th at the Precious Blood Parish Center.

There were over 15 Knights from Cloverdale Council, along with their spouses, in attendance. There were also Knights from other councils in the area who enjoyed music of the S-Bahn and a wonderful meal donated by the Dutchman Caterer's.

In addition to attending the event, Cloverdale Council is donating the entire proceeds of that evening's bar to the Surrey-Delta Pro-Life Society. All in all it was a very successful event.

CULTURE OF LIFE

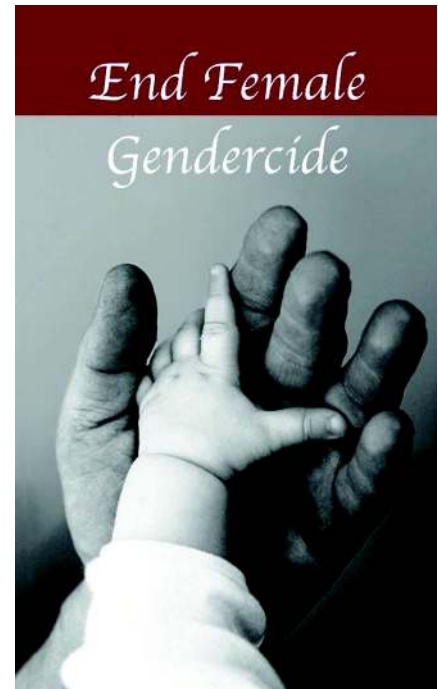
40-Days for Life, March for Life, Silver Rose Run

Council 5148—District 16
Christ The King Council
 Kitimat, B.C.
 Grand Knight: Frank Mauro



Christ The King Council 5148 supports LIFE !!

The Knights in Kitimat, B.C. in February 9, 2013 put up a billboard with a very meaningful message—LIFE what a beautiful choice !



March for Life Victoria 2013

Centennial Square to the BC Legislature
 Thursday May 9, 2013

Join thousands of others from throughout B.C. and Washington State on Thursday, May 9, 2013 for the 5th annual March for Life, Victoria. This year's theme is End Female Gendercide.

All are welcome to start the day in prayer by joining us mass:

12:00 PM St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral (740 View St.)

12:00 PM St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (2060 Haultain St.), Archbishop Michael Miller, celebrant

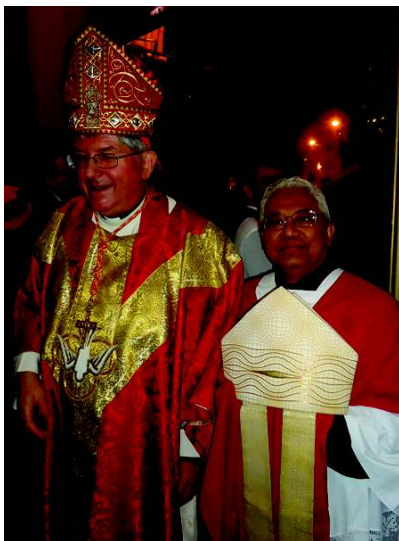
Marchers should be at Centennial Square by 1:45. The March will leave at 2:00, and head down Government Street to the B.C. Legislature.

Marchers will arrive at the Legislature front lawn at approximately 2:30 p.m. for the Rally for Life, which will have inspirational speakers and lively music until 3:30 p.m.

Celebration of the RED MASS

Canada's Newest Cardinal

His Eminence Thomas Collins



On January 24, 2013, the Archdiocese of Vancouver was honoured with the presence of Canada's newest Cardinal, His Eminence Thomas Collins of Toronto, who celebrated the annual Red Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver., British Columbia.

Concelebrating with Cardinal Collins are Archbishop J. Michael Miller and Bishop Ken Nowakowski and priests of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

The Red Mass at 5:10 pm celebrated at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver, B.C. is traditionally offered in honour of the legal profession, as a vocation in the service of justice and the common good., and is held annually at the opening of the judicial year.

Past, present and future members of the legal and judicial community were in attendance, and 32 Knights of Columbus Honour Guards led by Fourth Degree Master Antonio Pimentel, as well.



Mass of Thanksgiving
for the Papal Ministry of
POPE BENEDICT XVI



Principal Celebrant
The Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

March 1, 2013 Holy Rosary Cathedral





What we're learning about Tax-Free Savings Accounts

As Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs) reach their fifth year in 2013, many Canadians are beginning to see new ways to use these accounts to protect and build income.

By now, some TFSA basics are becoming familiar:

Since 2009, any Canadian of age 18 or older could have contributed up to \$5,000 annually into a qualified TFSA.

Contributions to a TFSA are not tax deductible, but earnings and withdrawals on the account are also not taxed.

If you didn't contribute the full \$5,000 in a given year, the unused amount carried over to future years.

If you withdraw money from a TFSA you may replace it in a subsequent calendar year, in addition to the annual limit.

Canadians of age 18 or older began accruing \$5,000 of TFSA cap room per year in 2009. For 2013 the contribution was increased to \$5,500. Not everyone understands this yet. It means that after the 2013 tax year, if you've never contributed to a TFSA and you were at least 18 when TFSAs became available in 2009, you'll be able to contribute up to \$25,500 to a TFSA in the 2013 tax year.

That's an eye-opening number. Perhaps it will help more of us see the potential for using TFSAs as a haven for money from many sources that can grow safely and tax-free—depending on the investment you choose to receive your TFSA funds.

A good way to leverage the tax advantages of a TFSA is by using it to contribute to a safe, guaranteed-return savings instrument such as a Knights of Columbus annuity.

Here are some advantages to TFSAs that may not have been clear when they first appeared:

Make the most of your RRSP tax savings. If your tax-deductible RRSP contributions create a healthy tax return, contribute that return to your TFSA. In effect, you're using a tax break to fund another tax break because TFSA earnings and withdrawals aren't taxed.

Rollover RRIF funds. When you reach a mandatory withdrawal age for an RRIF, you may have the option to roll that withdrawal—after taxes are withheld—directly into a TFSA, especially if both accounts are with the same provider. If your TFSA funds are in an annuity, you may have the option of using it to generate a monthly payment for life.

No "clawbacks." If you have federal benefits or tax credits that are adjusted for income, TFSA earnings and withdrawals don't affect your eligibility.

Contact your Field Agent to learn more about TFSAs and the options available to you through the Order.

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