



BC & YUKON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **STATE COUNCIL TID BITS -JUNE 2009**



MEMBERSHIP: JUNE IS HERE and the Fraternal year will soon come to a close. But as stated last month, there is still much to do if we are to repeat the successes of last year and for the second year in a row, be admitted into the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honour. Because of our success last year, our quota was raised so we still need a net gain of 65 members between now and 30 June. **This will ensure that our hard working State Membership Director hits his target of 525 new members this year!** It's never too late to get your Blitz going and I would encourage you to plan ONE more First Degree and give it one more go in the month of June. **EVERY DISTRICT AND EVERY COUNCIL** needs to be active in this campaign. **There are still 39 (THIRTY NINE) Councils in BC who have NOT recruited a single member.** Now is the time to correct that.

For more information on the Blitz and how to conduct one, visit:

http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/leadership_institute/membership/recruitment_strategies/membership_blitz.html

MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION – STATE vs. STATE:

Membership

Madness

Membership Madness is an intake-based challenge between similar sized jurisdictions throughout our Order. BC & Yukon soundly defeated South Carolina in March, we thumped New Brunswick in April and with only three days to go in May we lead Tennessee by a margin of more than 2%! We are on the verge of making BC & Yukon the winners of the Supreme Membership Drive in our division!!! Our membership count: **10,502 a net gain of 220 since the end of February.** At stake is \$1000.00 USD for our State Council funds plus bragging rights! **FINANCIAL SECRETARIES: Please ensure you FAX all form 100's to Supreme as soon as the new member completes his First Degree. Follow up by mailing the hard copies off. We MUST have the documentation for ALL NEW MEMBERS into Supreme no later than 30 June otherwise your council does not receive credit for them in this calendar year and if your council doesn't, neither does the State. I encourage District Deputies to follow-up with their councils.**

STATE CONVENTION ELECTIONS RESULTS:

Congratulations to the newly elected State Executive

Michael Yeo – State Deputy

Wil Wilmot – State Secretary

Ed Shawchuk – State Treasurer

Arcie Lim – State Advocate

Barrie Stickland – State Warden

We congratulate you and offer you our full support and cooperation in the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT STATE EVENTS:

STATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: The summer organizational meeting will be held 26-27 June in Surrey. All State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and Chairman will attend to plan the course for the next 12 months. The “who’s who” will be provided by the State Deputy later in June

MARCH FOR LIFE – My sincerest appreciation for all who turned out for the March for Life in Victoria on 14 May, 2009. Plans are already underway for next year, so mark your calendar for 13 May, 2010. Over 2000 people were in attendance, combined with the 12,000 in Ottawa we are now garnering media attention and the tide is turning. Polls are showing that for the first time in many years, those who want controls on abortion now outnumber those who want abortion on demand. WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION.

100th ANNIVERSARY: STATE BOOK – Each council has been asked to submit an article for our State Book as part of the history of our 100th Anniversary. Councils must make this submission to Wil Wilmot not later than 30 June or you will miss out on being in the book. Each District should begin to prepare a **DISTRICT 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** the weekend of 25-26 June 2010. It’s not that far away!!

STATE DEPUTY CALENDAR:

23 May 2009	Major Degree	Salmon Arm	SD
30 May 2009	1406 = 100 th Anniversary	Cranbrook	SD
07-14 June	Supreme	New Haven	SD-E
20 June 2009	50 th Anniversary 4712	Revelstoke	SD
26-27 June 2009	State Organizational Mtg	Surrey	All
27 June 2009	Fourth Degree Installation	Chilliwack	SD
29 June 07 July	HOLIDAY	Secret!	JOANNE AND I

FIRST DEGREE HONOUREE: In recognition of his years of service as Bishop of Victoria, State Chaplain and Archbishop of Vancouver, the State Executive is encouraging councils to name
ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS RAYMOND ROUSSIN
as Honouree for all
First Degrees held between 01 March and 30 June.

GRAND KNIGHTS – YOU are the only ones in your council that these Tidbits are emailed to, unless we don’t have an email address for you. Time and again we have asked that you forward this on to your members (including your Assemblies) to help them stay informed. Time and again I get emails from members asking me questions about items that are published here and when I ask about it they tell me they have never heard of the State Tidbits before. THERE ARE NO CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVATE ARTICLES IN THIS PUBLICATION. This publication is designed to help you, not impede the communication within the State. For those of you who do not pass this on I implore you to do so thereby making life easier for all of us. For those who pass it on, my sincerest gratitude to you!

Is your council working towards starting a Squires or Squirettes Circle??? Our future is here!!!