



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Brother Knights.

February is the shortest month but it will still be a busy month for our council! And of course Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14.

We sadly had to say goodbye to two Brother Knights of our council who recently passed away. We extend our sympathies to the families of Brother Frank Bielka and Brother Gerald Farkus.

Before we get to our upcoming events let's do a quick review of what happened in January. Another successful brunch was held on January 14 with just under 100 people served. This was an amazing turnout as that was likely the coldest morning of the winter so far! Thank you to Brother Henry Kweens and the team that comes out at 8 am and stays until after 1 pm to make our brunches possible!

Thank you to all who came out to help take down the Keep Christ in Christmas sign and the outdoor Nativity set on January 20. The council trustees also completed the required semi-annual audit that morning.

We have had several bingos in recent weeks. Thank you to Brother Gary Colbow for spearheading this activity and to all who come out to help. The schedule of upcoming bingos will be found in the calendar of activities in this issue.

We had another successful White Ribbon campaign the weekend of January 27-28. Thank you to all who helped distribute the ribbons. The money raised is donated to Shelwin House but the awareness raised of the issue of abuse of women and children is an equally important part of this project. This project is especially significant because it was started *by men* in 1991, and the white ribbon became a symbol of men's opposition to men's violence against women and children.



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Many Brother Knights will be active in the various parish ministries on Ash Wednesday (**February 14**) and throughout Lent. Some important dates to remember for February include the following:

- Our combined planning and general meeting will be held **February 7 at 7:00 pm**
- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper **February 13**
- Ash Wednesday **February 14**
- Brunch after both Sunday masses **February 18**
- Bingos as scheduled
- Our council will lead the Stations of the Cross one Friday evening during Lent **date TBA**

As well as being Ash Wednesday, February 14 is of course Valentine's Day. I would like to extend best wishes to all council members and families for this special day. This day that celebrates love also includes all members of our Knights of Columbus family! We especially keep in our hearts our dear deceased Brother Knights and their families.

As always, thank you to Fr. Antony for his ongoing support. Please keep our ill and deceased Brother Knights in your prayers. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Fraternally,
Keith Hayward, GK

Knights of Columbus Valentine To Their Ladies



Just Something I Wanted To Say To You

*There's just something I wanted to say to you,
But busy days get in the way...
There's just something I wanted to say to you,
That I think about every day.*

*It sometimes takes a day like this
To make the words so clear,
But as your Knight I'll say to you
I'm so grateful that you're here.*

*You may have heard the words before,
They're maybe nothing new,
But I'm so grateful you're behind me,
In everything I do.*

*So I'll tell you that I thank God for you,
That He put you in my life.
And I feel so very blessed today
That you are this Knight's wife.*

*I know I speak for all of us...
I know that it is true:
That when we think about our wives,
We thank dear God for you.*

*And whether our wives are with us,
Or live on gently in memory...
As your Knights we'll always give thanks to God
And say "thank you for giving her to me".*



DEP. GR. KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Peace Be with Us Brother Knights, Celebrating Faith and Fraternity: Knights of Columbus in February

Esteemed brothers Knights, February holds a special significance for us members of the Knights of Columbus as it marks the founding anniversary of our fraternal organization.

Established on February 2, 1882, the Knights have since dedicated themselves to embodying the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. In preparation for this month, let's tackle the various aspects that makes the Knights of Columbus a beacon of faith and community service.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney and a group of parishioners in New Haven, Connecticut. This month, we reflect on the organization's rich history and its mission to provide financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled, and needy members and their families. The Knights' commitment to charity has been unwavering over the past 140 years.

February is not just a month of historical reflection; it's also a time for action. We, the Knights of Columbus engages in various charitable initiatives during this period, from fundraisers to community service projects. Whether it's supporting local food banks or organizing blood drives, Knights across the globe are actively making a positive impact in their communities.

The core of the Knights of Columbus should be a commitment to faith and fraternity. Members come together for prayer, fellowship, and activities that strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. Through these shared experiences, Knights build a sense of community that goes beyond the walls of their local councils.

In a world that is constantly evolving where utopian, millenarian illusion and hedonistic ideologies are ever so rampant, the Knights of Columbus must remain steadfast in promoting Catholic values. From defending the sanctity of life to championing religious freedom, the organization plays a vital role in shaping a society rooted in principles that align with the teachings of the Catholic Church. February is an opportune time to reflect on the impact of these efforts on both individuals and communities.

February also offers an occasion to recognize outstanding members of the Knights of Columbus. These individuals exemplify the organization's principles through their dedicated service to the community, embodying the essence of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Their stories inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Through collaboration as the key element is how we approach to address social issues. In February, we highlight the partnerships and collaborations with other organizations that amplify the Knights' impact. Through collective efforts, the Knights contribute to positive change on a broader scale in the parish.

February can also be an ideal time to campaign and share how potential members can explore the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus. Through various types of campaign engagement maybe we can inspire more people by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism for people to consider becoming a member and for them to be able to actively contribute to the noble mission of the Knights.

In conclusion, as we celebrate the founding anniversary of the Knights of Columbus in February, let us reflect on the organization's rich history, engage in charitable initiatives, and embrace the principles that define us as Knights. Together, we continue to make a positive impact, guided by faith and fraternity, echoing the spirit of charity and unity that has defined the Knights for over a century.

Vivat Jesus!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Jonathan Rosas - DGK
State Cultural Diversity Chairman

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND REFLECTION



Lent is THE solemn and significant season observed as Christians around the world. This period, lasting 40 days, holds **immense** importance in the Catholic liturgical calendar as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, commemorating the res-

urrection of Jesus Christ. Beyond its religious significance, Lent serves as a transformative journey that fosters spiritual growth, self-reflection, and a deepened connection to faith.

This is a time that we engage in introspection and spiritual self-evaluation. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are encouraged to examine our lives, identify areas for improvement, and seek a closer relationship with God. This period of reflection allows us to detach from worldly distractions, fostering a more profound connection with our faith.

One of the pillars of Lent is fasting, which serves as a symbolic act of self-discipline and sacrifice. By abstaining from certain foods or practices, we learn to control our desires and redirect our focus towards spiritual nourishment. The voluntary act of giving up luxuries during Lent serves as a reminder of Jesus Christ's sacrifice and encourages us to align our lives with the principles of humility and simplicity.

Lent emphasizes the importance of charitable acts and almsgiving. Through this practice we are encouraged to share our blessings with those in need, promoting compassion and social justice. Through acts of kindness and generosity, Catholics embody the teachings of Jesus Christ, who advocated for love and care for the marginalized. Almsgiving during Lent is not merely a material offering but a demonstration of solidarity and commitment to building a more just and compassionate society. I would suggest reviewing and understanding the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church (the United States Bishops Conference produced a wonderful short videos series on CST).

The liturgical practices during Lent, such as attending Stations of the Cross, participating in penance services, and engaging in additional prayer, create a **sacred** atmosphere that intensifies the spiritual experience. The symbolism and rituals associ-

ated with Lenten liturgy provide a framework for Catholics to immerse themselves in the journey of repentance and redemption.

Lent culminates in the joyous celebration of Easter, the most significant event in the Christian calendar. By engaging in Lenten practices, Catholics prepare themselves mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to fully appreciate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The period of fasting and penance adds depth to the Easter celebration, transforming it into a moment of profound spiritual significance.

To say the least, Lent is a pivotal season that transcends religious boundaries, offering a universal message of self-reflection, sacrifice, and compassion. The practices associated with Lent provide a structured and meaningful framework for us to deepen our relationship with God and our commitment to living virtuous lives. As Catholics, we embark on this transformative journey, that not only prepare us for the joy of Easter but also cultivate a lasting foundation of faith, resilience, and love for humanity. "It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking," he said, "to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends." (Pope Francis)

Steven Boucher,
Lecturer

PROGRAMS



Brothers,
Our Columbian year is progressing very well. Our activities are well attended. Thank you to all that have helped. We encourage you to continue.

Planned activities for February are:
4 - Bingo 12.00

- 7 - Combined planning and general meeting – 7.00
- 13 - Shrove Tuesday pancake supper – 3.00
Burning of palms and Mass 7.00
- 14 - Ash Wednesday
- 16 - Knights lead the Stations of the Cross – 7.00
- 17 - Bingo 12.00
- 18 - Parish brunch – 8.00 am
- 19 - Family day
- 23 - Family prayer 7.00 pm
- 25 - Article for the Word due
- 29 - Bingo 5.00

Fraternally,
Rejean Houle

BINGO



This is the bingo report for the bingo year starting November 2022 to October 31, 2023.. We have done 35 bingos in this time. We have added \$11,899.58 into the charity account. In November and December, we earned an additional \$1,126.57 but this money was used by the Yorkton Bingo Association to pay some bills to get the bingo hall ready to be used. We have also earned \$1,075.94 from SLGA for the general account and are still expecting another \$2,387.04 for the last 6 months of the bingo year.

With all totaled up we would have earned a total of \$16,489.13 for the bingo year. Workers who have worked the bingos are Wayne Exner, Henry Kweens, John Curry, Sheldon Adamiak, Rejean Houle, Clarence Parislff, Tom Cook, Nathan Bewcyk, Bill Yaremko, Rick Swejda, Jonathan Rosas and myself.

We have upcoming bingos on **Jan.24 (5-10pm),Feb.4(12-4pm),Feb.17(12-4pm),and Feb.29(5-10pm).**We need 3-4 people to work a

bingo so if you are available we could use your help. Phone Gary at 306-783-6328.

Thank you to all who have helped, Your help is much appreciated. Bingos usually last 4 to 5 hours.

Fraternally,
Gary Colbow.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY



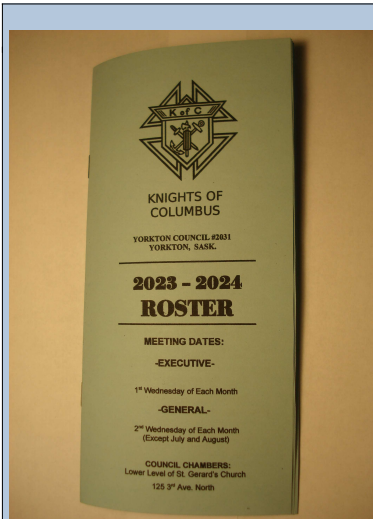
I thank all brother Knights that have paid their 2024 dues. The second notice has been sent out, please pay your dues!

Henry Kweens F. S.
Yorkton K of C #2031

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| 2 – Gerard Sterk | 13 – Ken Olszewski |
| 4 – Ignace Palchewich | 13 – Elaine Exner |
| 6 – Elliot Graf | 20 – Silveno Liccud |
| 6 – Judy Bolton | 25 – Angela Ostapovich |
| 7 – Scott Hoffort | 26 – Patric Christie |
| 7 – John Malinowski | 27 – Dr. Daniel Wassill |
| 7 – Kathy Bolton | 27 – Sharon Chillog |
| 8 – John Kosar | 27 – Donna Obrigewitsch |
| 10 – Nicole Nicholson | 27 – Kay Kuemper |
| 11 – Edwin Gimena | |



NEW ROSTER



The NEW roster is now available. Brother Knights and widows are invited to pick up the New 2023-2024 Knights of Columbus Yorkton Council #2031 Roster from the welcoming area of the church. Non - St Gerard's parishioners may request one to be mailed to them.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 – John and Susan Malinowski
- 14 – Silveno and Genevieve Tudlong Licuud
- 25 – Jean and Annie Boroto

Ole & Lena lived on a lake in northern Minnesota. It was near the end of winter & spring was just beginning. Ole asked Lena if she would walk across the frozen lake to the general store to pick him up some tobacco. She asked for some money, but he told her to just put it on their tab, so she walked across, got the tobacco, and walked back. Then she asked Ole why he didn't send her with any money. He said, "I wasn't going to send any money ven I wasn't sure how tik the ice was."