



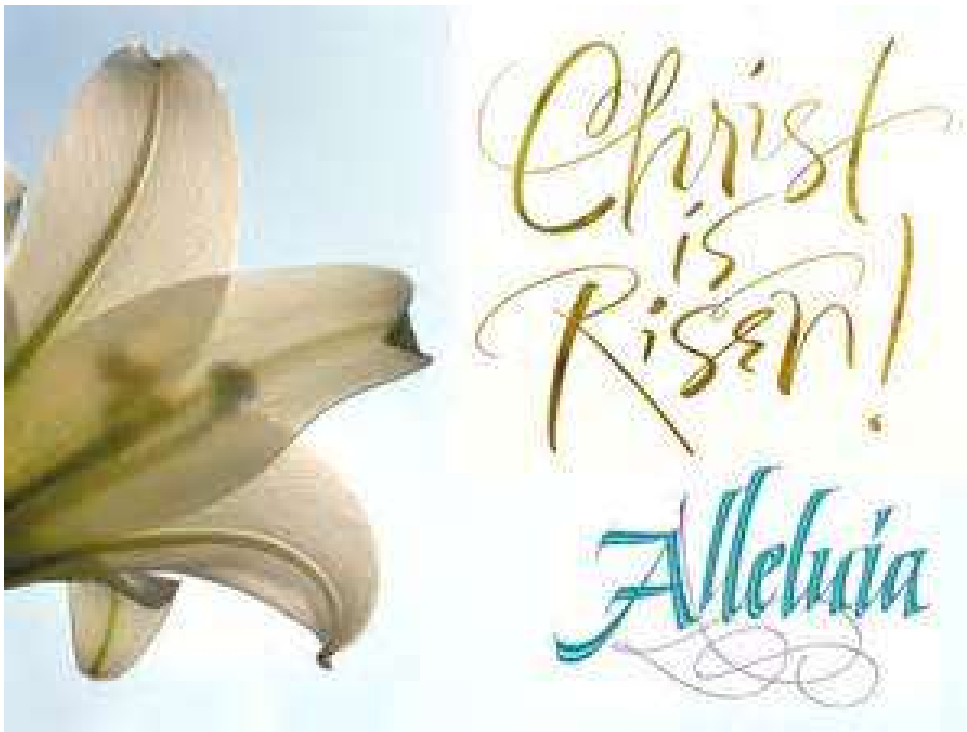
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Yorkton COUNCIL NO. 2031

# *THE WORD*

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**March 31**



Yorkton Council No. 2031  
St. Gerard 125 Third Ave. North, Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Brother Knights.

There continues to be a lot of activity in our council! It is good when we can be visible in the parish.

The Knights were responsible for the ministries at the 9 am mass on February 11. Thank you to Brother Rick Dubois for coordinating this activity and to all who

say "yes!" when he calls.

We hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage supper on February 13 which was well received by parishioners. With Lent beginning the next day, many Brother Knights have been active in the parish ministries. Our council was pleased to lead the Stations of the Cross on February 16. The attendance at this event was very good!

A very successful brunch was held on February 18! There was a very good turnout of parishioners plus an excellent response from Brother Knights and their families to help with all the work involved in putting on our brunches. We had 22 workers in total this time! Thank you to Brother Henry Kweens and the entire team of helpers for making these events possible.

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.

A big thank you goes out to Brother Orest Machushek for publishing an updated version of the roster.

***Some important dates to remember for March include the following:***

- We are planning to hold an exemplification for the admission degree **March 2** after the 5 pm mass
- Our combined planning and general meeting will be held **March 6** at **7:00 pm**

- Knights responsible for all ministries **March 10** at **11 am** mass
- Brunch after both Sunday masses **March 17**
- Holy Week **March 24-31** (yes, Easter is early this year!).

Many Brother Knights will be active in the various parish ministries throughout the remainder of Lent and during Holy Week.

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

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## DEP. GR. KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Peace Be with Us Brother Knights,  
**Lenten calling to New Evangelization to Meet Christ, Live Christ, and Share Christ**

Brother Knights, the Holy Roman Catholic Church has sounded the call to the New Evangelism on Monday, 14th of October 2013 with the "Address of Pope Francis to Participants in The Plenary of The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization". This is an urgent call of the highest importance, given the dire urgency of the times. A tsunami of evil is overwhelming the whole world. The assault on faith, family and life is in full force.

As per: Matthew 24:12 "and because of the increase of evildoing, the love of many will grow cold." and in: Luke 18:8 "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Brother Knights while things seem hopeless and we seem helpless in resisting and fighting the onslaught, there is always hope. When sin abounds, grace abounds even more as per Romans 5:20 Our Lord Jesus Christ has already won the victory so as we move forward to the end of time, we know

how it will all end as Christ has nailed it all in the foot of the cross.

Brother Knights, while the world and the Church suffer, while souls will still be lost, we cannot just wait for the return of our victorious Lord. We must engage, here and now in the spiritual war that rages on while at the same time preparing the Church for the glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Knight, we are called to this New Evangelization.

Thought the history of salvation, God has called individuals, peoples, and nations. The Almighty God has deemed it right to work with His creation made in his image and likeness and give them the privilege of being agents not only of their own salvation but also that of others. Brother Knights, God in his mysterious ways of election, calls and uses those who are least and the last, even the lost.

As per Corinthians: 1:27-28 *"Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something,"*

God called Israel the smallest of nations as we read in Deuteronomy 7:7. Jeremiah was called even though he was too young and knew not how to speak as we read in Jeremiah 1:6. He called Gideon who was the most insignificant in his father's house and his family is the meanest in Manasseh as we read in Judges 6:15. God even called Paul who persecuted Christians.

Brother Knights, this only goes to show that our effectiveness in God's call to New Evangelism is entirely up to Him. We are mere instruments, who often finds ourselves getting in His way out of our weaknesses. God does his work in spite of us.

Brother Knights, God continues to depend on us to do His work. This great privilege should give us great joy. We are nothing but in God's hand we can be something. We who are weak can be strong by depending on the power of His Spirit. Our part is to respond to God's call, and then to give our all and the fruit of our cooperative labor is entirely up to God. As we read in 1 Corinthians 3:6 *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth."*

Brother Knights, the New Evangelization necessitates a return to missionary principles that characterized the apostolic Church established on the day of Pentecost which made the Church on the first century grew tremendously. The Church then was vibrant, truly alive, and Spirit-filled. This new evangelization necessitates an effort or a process by which people in their lives can personally meet Christ, live Christ, and share Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Jonathan Rosas - DGK  
State Cultural Diversity Chairman

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## **PROGRAMMING**



Brothers,

We have started our journey toward Easter, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Let us take some time every day with him.

Supreme has a daily reflection for the period of lent. This is the

link, <https://ai360.aristotle.com/public/AI360Email-Tracking/Clickthrough.aspx?cdbID=a2165fa2-387a-4e39-8363-2076eac843b6&mactID=2b20d938-0940-47c4-b683-e86a6644a66f&atvID=9b1ac383-e2a2-4ff8-b991-5143f8fdd81d>

### **Planned events for March:**

- 7 - Bingo 5.00
- 5 - 2025 Convention planning meeting
- 6 - Combined planning and general meeting – 7.00
- 16 - Bingo 5.00
- 17 - Parish brunch – 8.00
- 24-31 - Holy Week
- 24 - Bingo 12.00
- 25 - Articles for the Word due
- 31 - Easter Sunday

Happy Easter everyone!

Fraternally,  
Rejean Houle

## PROGRAM PHOTO GALLERY

On January 27-28, our council held a White Ribbon campaign. Brother Sheldon Adamiak displays one.



Our council held a Family Brunch on Sunday February 18

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM



Even though we have just begun Lent not that long ago, my next notes will be on the Paschal Triduum. The Triduum, derived from the Latin word meaning "three days," is a central and profound liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church that spans Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

This sacred period serves as the culmination of the Lenten season and prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. "Christ's Cross is a sign of the hope that does not disappoint; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's plan." Pope Francis

Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the Triduum, focusing on the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. The liturgy of this day emphasizes the Institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, highlighting the sacrificial nature of Jesus' impending death on the cross. The washing of the feet recalls Jesus' act of humility and service, emphasizing the call to discipleship and selfless love. The theology of Holy Thursday underscores the profound connection between the Eucharist and Christ's sacrifice, inviting



Brother Gary Colbow prepares the pancakes for Shrove Tuesday supper on Tuesday, February 13



Large crowd enjoys the meal.

On Friday, February 16, our council led **The Stations of The Cross**



Grand Knight Keith Hayward & Lecturer Steven Boucher narrate the stations



us to participate in the Paschal Mystery through the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. "In the Eucharist fragility is strength: the strength of the love that becomes small so as to be welcomed and not feared; the strength of the love that is broken and shared so as to nourish and give life; the strength of the love that is split apart so as to join us in unity." Pope Francis

Good Friday is a day of somber reflection on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The liturgy on this day centers around the Passion narrative, emphasizing the salvific significance of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The veneration of the Cross, a central ritual during the Good Friday liturgy, invites us to contemplate the depth of God's love and the redemptive power of Christ's death. The theology of Good Friday emphasizes the transformative nature of suffering, inviting us to unite our own sufferings with Christ's, recognizing the redemptive value of embracing the cross in their lives. "Before the image of the crucified God, we will bring, in prayer, the many, the too many who are crucified in our time." Pope Francis

Holy Saturday is a day of silence and anticipation, representing the time between Christ's death and resurrection. The Easter Vigil, celebrated on Holy Saturday night, is the culmination of the Triduum. This liturgy begins in darkness, symbolizing the despair and hopelessness of a world without Christ. The lighting of the Easter fire and the Paschal candle signifies the light of Christ breaking through the darkness, dispelling sin and death. The liturgy of the Easter Vigil narrates salvation history, underscoring the resurrection as the fulfillment of God's promise. The theology of Holy Saturday invites us to trust in the victory of life over death, echoing the Easter proclamation, "Christ is risen!"

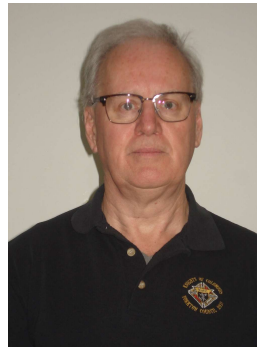
The Paschal Triduum is a rich tapestry that weaves together the foundational elements of our Catholic Christian faith. Holy Thursday emphasizes the Eucharist and the call to selfless love, Good Friday underscores the redemptive power of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and Holy Saturday anticipates the joyous proclamation of the resurrection. The Triduum invites our participation to enter into the Paschal Mystery, embracing the transformative power of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Through these sacred days, we are called to deepen

our faith, reflect on the profound mysteries of salvation, and rejoice in the hope of Easter.

Steven Boucher,  
Lecturer

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## **FROM OUR FIN. SECRETARY**



I would like to thank all the Brother Knights and their wife's that helped out with Shrove Tuesday and the Brunch on Feb 18th.

A reminder to the last 20 members that have not paid their dues yet. You will be getting a call form a trustee soon!

Henry Kweens F.S.

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## **LENTEN PRAYER**

*A Lent of following God's lead must be grounded in prayer.*

*We can listen for the voice of God and let ourselves be surprised by what the call in Lent might be.*

*Perhaps we not only contribute...with alms for the poor but also feel God calling us to undertake service work where we build relationships with a community of people outside our comfortable social circles.*

*Or maybe fasting this year means...also fasting from judgment when I do not know the inner workings of another's heart.*

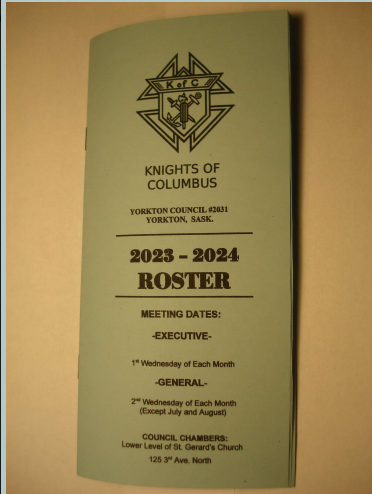
*Perhaps God is calling me to add in a different form of prayer: a few minutes of silence on my lunch break at work, or praying as a family just before the children are tucked into bed.*

*Or perhaps we will feel the call of God out of the blue in Lent to follow God into some new place.*

*Are we open to letting this Lent be God's and not our own?*

--Excerpted from "[Letting Lent Be God's](#)"  
by Marina Berzins McCoy

## 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.

### **ROSTER UPDATE**

Please add the following members:

Fr. Sathi Antony  
125 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N.  
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

Steve Piontek  
276 Wellington Ave.  
Yorkton, SK S3N 3E9

Randy Halliday – Anita  
65 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
Yorkton, SK S3N 0X3

Please remove the following:

Dustin Iverson  
#505-537 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 2M6

### **OUR CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathy to the Borowetz family on the loss of Brother Steve Borowetz on February 1<sup>st</sup>. May he rest in peace.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 – Maxine Paydli        | 19 – Randy Fleury       |
| 3 – Judie Bernat         | 21 – Walter Bugoy       |
| 4 – Joan Andrusyk        | 22 – Glen Chillog       |
| 6 – Mark Faul            | 25 – Kim Maier          |
| 6 – Joel Pasloski        | 25 – Mervin Wasylenchuk |
| 9 – Vera Wassill         | 25 – Ann Malinowski     |
| 9 – Brenda Dierker       | 25 – Janice Flaman      |
| 10 – Thomas Cook         | 26 – Christina Gimena   |
| 12 – Richard Swejda      | 28 – Bernice Machushek  |
| 13 – Juanito Jr. Ubongen | 29 – Rose Brezinski     |
| 18 – David Sutter        |                         |



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

THERE ARE NO ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE THIS MONTH.

